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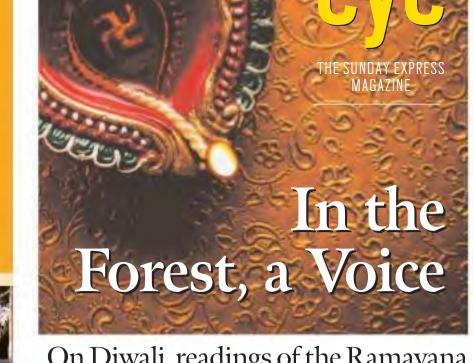
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AHEAD OF the upcoming Supreme Court verdict in the Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suit case, two senior Congress leaders, former Union minister Jitin Prasada and former Uttarakhand chief minister Harish Rawat, have said that they want to see a Ram temple built in Ayodhya, but added the apex court verdict would be supreme and should be ac-

The remarks by Rawat and Prasada, members of the **Congress Working Committee** (CWC), come at a time when the Congress has begun discussions to craft its response to the verdict. On Friday, a high-level panel set up by Congress president Sonia Gandhi met to deliberate on the party's response to CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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### IN TWO STATES, BJP'S GOVT-FORMATION EXERCISE

## One ally is Dy CM, another wants CM

Khattar, Dushyant oath today; father Ajay gets Tihar break

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CHANDIGARH, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

MANOHAR LAL Khattar of the BJP and Dushyant Chautala of the Jannayak Janata Party (JJP) will be sworn in as chief minister and deputy chief minister respectively at the Haryana Raj Bhavan at 2.15 pm on Sunday.

Dushyant's father Ajay Chautala, who is serving a 10-

M L Khattar with Dushyant Chautala, RS Prasad in

year sentence in Delhi's Tihar jail,

Chandigarh on Saturday.

Kamleshwar Singh

was granted 14 days' furlough on CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

### The Sena's tough bargaining

THE Shiv Sena and BJP came together under pressure to counter the NCP-Congress alliance for the election. With the BJP doing worse than expected, the Sena is determined to get its pound of flesh in the new government. The BJP believes the Sena has no claim to CMship, and is using "pressure tactics" to extract plum portfolios.

Uddhav ups ante, threatens to explore some 'other options'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

DAYS AFTER the Assembly elections returned the BJP with a weaker tally, ally Shiv Sena continued to pile on the pressure, with party president Uddhav Thackeray telling his legislators that the Sena would settle for nothing less than the Chief Minister's post.

In his first meeting with the party's newly elected legislators at his Matoshree residence on



"CM Aaditya Thackeray" on a sign outside Matoshree in **Mumbai Saturday.** Pradip Das

Saturday, Thackeray is reported to have said that the Sena is aiming to hold the CM chair for half **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2** 

## In audio clip, kin of Tiwari murder accused 'plead with him to return'

**KAMAAL SAIYED** SURAT, OCTOBER 26

AN AUDIO clip has surfaced in Gujarat, in which the wife and father of Ashfaq Shaikh, one of the two men accused of murdering Kamlesh Tiwari, are purportedly pleading with him to return home, saying they have met the



home on October 18

"ATS", and that all "procedures" have been completed.

The 1.55-minute clip of the purported conversation appears

to have been from the time Ashfaq was in Shahjahanpur after Tiwari's murder in Lucknow on October 18. Ashfag and the other accused, Moinuddin Pathan alias Farid, were traced to Shahjahanpur on the night of

> the following day at Shamlaji on the border of Gujarat and

> October 21. They were arrested

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## INX case: Karnataka skills chief quits after chargesheet

**DEEPTIMANTIWARY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

FORMER SECRETARY of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Anup K Pujari, who was recently chargesheeted by the CBI in the INX Media case, has resigned from his current job as chairman, Karnataka Skill Development

Pujari has said that he has learnt through the media that he has been chargesheeted by the CBI in the case and thus his continuation in the post would not be "in conformity with the best traditions of the civil services" and that it may "cause undue embarrassment to the government". Pujari has addressed his

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## TRIPURA CM BIPLAB DEB'S MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

In his address to students at Chief Minister's Annual State Award for Academic Excellence to School Students programme at Rabindra Shatabarshiki Bhawan in Agartala on Friday, Deb asked students to think about earning while they are in Class 8 or 9 to make sure they don't sit at home, jobless, after graduation.

#### VIDEO OF THE DAY



JJP GIVES BJP THE **NUMBERS TO FORM HARYANA GOVT** 

The BJP has announced an alliance with JJP

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**HARYANA GOVT FORMATION** 

Khattar to swear in as CM tomorrow, Dushyant to be his deputy

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#### **GROUNDED TANKER**

### Govt decides to pump 2,000 tonnes of naptha to another tanker

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** PANAJI, OCTOBER 26

WITH THE agencies confirming that it is difficult to tow the grounded naphtha tanker off the Goa shore, the government on Saturday decided to pump its content - 2,000 tonnes of naphtha — to another tanker.

On Saturday afternoon, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant took stock from the Navy, the Coast Guard and Mormugao Port Trust after the Navy facilitated the entry of the experts into the ship.

"Towing the tanker is not possible. We will pump out the naphtha with the help of another tanker. The naphtha transfer operation will happen over the next couple of days. The entire operation will take about four days. We will take all possi-

ble precautions," Sawant said. A magisterial enquiry has also been ordered into the incident.

Till Saturday, the ship had gone loose with the weather playing truant and with no tugs reaching it. Sawant on Saturday said it was now assessed that the vessel has 2,000 tonnes of naptha gas with the joint operation facilitated by the Navy's helicopters. There are separate tug boats now carrying divers that will be dispatched to examine if there are any damages to the hull since the vessel is grounded on

the sea bed across Panaji. A three-member expert team of nautical advisor to the Union government Captain KP Jayakumar, Mohit Behl of the Directorate General of Shipping and Mercantile Marine department engineer Bodh Raj were pulled to help the government.

The unmanned tanker Nu Shi Nalini was initially anchored five nautical miles off Mormugao Port Trust and on Thursday it began to drift towards the shore of Panaji due to strong winds and rough seas after it snapped its anchor.

A statement earlier issued by CMO stated that the unmanned tanker was currently stuck on a rock, and was ferrying a cargo of 2,000 tonnes of naphtha, with the vessel also carrying 50 tonnes of heavy oil and 19 tonnes of diesel.

## **FROM PAGE ONE**

#### Cong Ayodhya

sensitive political issues such as the upcoming Ayodhya verdict, NRC and the Citizenship Amendment Bill.

While the party had been maintaining that the Supreme Court verdict should be accepted by all, at least one top leader said the party's response will, in fact, be crafted on the basis of the verdict. "The party's response will depend on the manner in which the court frames its verdict," the leader said.

Former Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi, another member of the CWC, said the Ayodhya issue is no doubt an emotional and sensitive one and "we have to take into account all this also... about the sensitiveness, about emotional matters. Any decision has to be taken after thorough discussion... that is my view."

Sources said that ever since the Lok Sabha defeat, there has been a strong demand in the party for a mechanism to ensure collective thinking and decision making. There have also been demands for the revival of the Parliamentary Board. "This group will deliberate on important matters but it will not have organisational decision making powers," a source said.

There have been divergent views in the party on key issues such as the abrogation of Article 370, NRC, the Citizenship Amendment Bill, and now, Ayodhya.

Rawat and Prasada, both hailing from the Hindi heartland, said they want to see a Ram temple built in Ayodhya.

"As a Hindu, of course, I want a temple there. But there is also a law of the land. The Supreme Court verdict should be accepted by everybody, whatever the verdict may be. The verdict should come out as early as possible and put at rest all debate on this. It is time to move on and all communities should live in harmony," Prasada told The Sunday Express.

Rawat echoed Prasada's views. He said the Congress's stand had been that it is a land dispute and the Supreme Court verdict should be respected by all. "There should be no politics over it and it is the government's responsibility to stand by the Supreme Court verdict and implement it peacefully.'

Asked about his personal view, he, however, said, it is not just him but "you ask anyone… every Indian

would say that a Ram temple should be built in Ayodhya. Whosoever you ask, even if you ask our Muslim brothers, even they would also say that if not in Ayodhya, where else would a Ram temple be built."

"The question is about a particular place. I am not an authority. The authority is the Supreme Court. Its verdict should be respected by all....we hope the Supreme Court will find a solution which will be acceptable to all," he said. "When we are talking about building a temple, we are not standing with a measuring tape... I believe that there should be a Ram temple in Ayodhya," he added.

Rawat said the Congress had in the past tried to build a temple in Ayodhya, "but they (the BJP) played politics over temple and complicated the matter. They converted into a vote-bank issue".

Senior leader Salman Khurshid, on the other hand, said there should not be any speculation before the Supreme Court delivers its verdict. "Hope the Supreme Court will do its best as it always tries to do. It has put in a lot of effort. So we should repose faith in the Supreme Court and let's hope for the best.," Khurshid

"No government howsoever well intentioned, no opposition howsoever objective, no litigant, no stakeholder can settle this fractious matter expect by an apex court judgment imparting necessary finality, stability and weight to the decision. In fact, I personally believe that even efforts at mediation were misplaced because they will always be some segment of some stakeholder who will remain unsatisfied and will not be consensual. Hence, it is best that the apex court decides it this way or that and brings to an end a highly divisive issue pending for decades," Rajya Sabha MP and the party legal brain Abhishek Singhvi told The Sunday Express.

Sources said the Sonia-led panel will meet again to discuss the party's stand before the Supreme Court delivers its verdict. Besides former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Rahul Gandhi, the members of the panel are Ahmed Patel, A K Antony, Ghulam Nabi Azad, Mallikarjun Kharge, Anand Sharma, Ambika Soni, Adhir Ranjan Choudhary, Jairam Ramesh, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Kapil Sibal, K C Venugopal, Randeep Singh Surjewala, Sushmita Dev and

#### Tiwari murder

Rajasthan.

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Police said they were aware that such a clip had gone "viral". Ashfag's father Zakir Hussain Shaikh, whose voice is purportedly on the clip, said that he and his daughter-in-law Mehzabin had spoken with his son when he was on the run.

Tiwari, a former working president of the Akhil Bharatiya Hindu Mahasabha and chief of the Hindu Samaj Party, was allegedly killed by Ashfaq and Farid as revenge for something he had said about the Prophet some years

In the clip, Zakir purportedly tells Ashfaq, "Beta kuchh bhi kar ke yahaan aa jaa, tera achchha hoga. Ya to hum ko bol, hum wahaan aa karleke jayenge. (Son, come home somehow, it will be good for you. Else tell us, and we will come and fetch you.)"

The voice purported to be Ashfaq's replies: "Hum log abhi jaa rahe hain, Shahjahanpur ruke hue hain, wahaan se hum log Lucknow kal chale jayenge. (We are going now, we have stopped at Shahjahanpur, we will go to

Lucknow tomorrow.)" Zakir: "Na beta wahaan mat jao, yeh side yahaan aa jao, woh logo ne naa bola hai humko. samajh koi baat ko. Hum jaa kar aaye wahan pe. (No son, don't go there, come here. They have told us, so please understand. We have

## Khattar, Dushyant oath today; father gets a break from Tihar pressed surprise at the devel-

Saturday. He was expected to be released late in the evening or on Sunday morning.

Khattar announced details of the swearing-in after Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya invited the BJP to form the government on Saturday. "Dushyant Chautala will take oath as deputy chief minister. A total of 57 MLAs, including 40 of the BJP, 10 of the JJP, and seven Independents today staked claim before the Governor. The Governor has accepted it and invited us to form the government," Khattar said.

Six of the seven Independents who have extended unconditional support to the BIP are rebels who were denied the party ticket. Following strong criticism from within the party, the BIP declined the offer of support extended by Sirsa MLA Gopal Goval Kanda, who is facing trial for abetment to suicide of an airhostess of his now defunct MDLR Airlines.

JJP founder Ajay Chautala and his father, former Haryana chief minister Om Prakash Chautala, have been in prison since 2013 after being convicted of corruption, criminal conspiracy, and forgery in the JBT teachers' recruitment scam. Authorities in Tihar told The Sunday Express that he had applied for furlough — his second this year — some 10 days ago.

"Ajay Chautala has been granted a two-week furlough and it will start from the day he steps out of the jail premises. Usually, furlough can be obtained thrice a year, and is given to inmates with good behaviour. He got his first furlough when his mother died. This is the second furlough, and the reasons given are meeting the family and some puja related to his mother's death. He applied for furlough around 10 days ago," Director General (Prisons) Sandeep Goel said in Delhi.

There was no confirmation on whether Ajay Chautala would attend the ceremony at Raj Bhavan. In Chandigarh, Dushyant told reporters that his father had been granted furlough so he could celebrate Diwali with the family. During an inspection in

June, Tihar jail authorities had found a mobile phone in the cell of Om Prakash Chautala. However, an inmate called Ramesh had claimed that the mobile phone belonged to him. Tihar authorities had sub-

sequently seized a mobile phone from the cell of Ajay Chautala. Asked what action had been taken after that incident, Goel said: "After recovering a phone, we filed a report before a court. The matter is sub iudice." Tihar officials said that fur-

lough matters do not go to the Home Department, and are decided at the level of the DG (Prisons). Ajay was released on a 21-

day parole on April 15 this year, two days after the Aam Aadmi Party and JJP formed an alliance to contest the Lok Sabha elections in Haryana. No conditions were imposed on his release, and he campaigned extensively across Haryana for the JJP-AAP. Ajay Chautala's parole ended on May 6, and Haryana voted on May 12. Most JJP-AAP candidates lost their security deposits. The parties fought this month's Assembly elections separately.

Ajay has been granted furlough even though his plea seeking parole remains pending in Delhi High Court. Counsel for Ajay, Archit Upadhyay, exopment. "I do not think he has been

released. Because the application for his furlough and parole were pending in Delhi High Court. We filed it and the judgment is not out yet," Upadhyay told The Sunday Express. Ajay was released in June to

enable him to appear in an examination in Sirsa. His lawyers told the Delhi High Court that he was pursuing a PG Diploma in Counselling and Behaviour Modification (PGDCBM) under the distance education programme of Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology, Hisar. He then filed another appli-

cation in the High Court seeking parole to appear in an examination beginning July 15. The plea was dismissed, and counsel for Ajay withdrew the petition. In October, Ajay went back to the High Court seeking parole. His petition is pending.

On being told that the DG (Prisons), Tihar jail, had granted Ajay Chautala a furlough of 14 days, Upadhyay said, "Maybe a custody one, not a regular one. But I do not think so. I do not have any further information on it. Maybe the jail authorities can reveal more."

A senior advocate in Delhi who has been tracking Ajay Chautala's cases of parole and furlough, said: "Under Delhi prisons rules, jail authorities are supposed to decide on furlough applications in 3-4 weeks. However, some applications are decided in 1-2 days, others may remain pending for even eight weeks."

According to the lawyer, who declined to speak on the record, "The DG (Prisons) is competent to decide on an inmate's parole/furlough request.

It is not necessary for jail authorities to inform the court each time they are granting parole/furlough to an inmate." On August 3, 2016, the

Supreme Court had dismissed the appeals of Ajay Chautala and Om Prakash Chautala against the High Court's verdict upholding their conviction and the sentence of 10 years awarded by the trial court. In its March 5, 2015 order, the High Court had said: "The overwhelming evidence showed the shocking and spine-chilling state of affairs in the country." The father-son duo and two

IAS officers were among 55 persons convicted on January 16, 2013 by the trial court for illegally recruiting 3,206 JBT teachers in Haryana in 2000.

After being named Haryana's deputy chief minister elect on Saturday, Dushyant said: "There cannot be an occasion of greater happiness for me than to have my father support us at a time when the foundations of change are being laid.' Khattar, who will remain

interim chief minister till his new government takes charge, did not disclose who other than Dushyant and he would take oath on Sunday. He did say that "some ministers shall also be taking oath", but did not specify their number or names. Sources said at least two MLAs from the JJP and at least one Independent could be part of the government.

The BJP, which has won 40 seats in the 90-member Assembly, announced an alliance with the JJP on Friday evening. BJP national president Amit Shah said in New Delhi that the alliance would work for the next five years in the larger interest of Haryana.

der, alleging that he was not provided with adequate security despite repeated requests. She said the Rs 15 lakh given to the family by the state government as compensation was inadequate, and that the family would return the cheque. Her son Satyam has demanded Rs 5 crore from the government.

"We had gone to meet the chief minister disregarding religious customs that did not allow us to move out of home during the 13-day period of mourning. But the government has not ful filled our demands, which include renaming Khurshed Bagh after Kamlesh Tiwari, "Kiran said.

"The government wants to shut my mouth by giving monetary help but I will raise my voice regularly. Giving just Rs 15 lakh is like insulting Kamlesh Tiwari,' she said. (WITHENS, LUCKNOW)

#### Ex-Secy quits resignation letter to Secretary,

Department of Skill Development and Enterpreneurship and Livelihood of the Karnataka Government. He had retired from the services in January 2016, fol lowing which he took up an assignment to teach at Harvard. On his return, he was appointed by the Karnataka government as Chairman of the Skill Development Authority.

Pujari is among six bureaucrats, including former NITI Aayog CEO Sindhushree Khullar, who have been booked by the CBI in connection with the INX case. All of them were then posted in the Ministry of Finance under P Chidambaram, who, along with his son Karti, is being prosecuted by the CBI in the case.

According to the CBI chargesheet, Pujari was among the bureaucrats who processed the application of INX Media for foreign direct investment of over Rs 350 crore and downstream investment of its funding into INX News despite "glaring irregularities".

The CBI chargesheet mentions Pujari as accused number A-11 and says that his statement was recorded by the agency on November 6, 2017.

According to the chargesheet,

when the proposal for FDI inflow into INX media was put up before Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) in its 98th meeting held on May 18, 2007, the amount of inflow was mentioned as Rs 4.62 crore. But after the approval, the company brought in more than Rs 350 crore. It further made a downstream investment of 26% in INX News. The 98th meeting, whose minutes were prepared by Pujari along with other bureaucrats and approved by Chidambaram, had held that a separate approval was required for downstream investment in **INX News.** 

When a flag was raised on this by the Income Tax department and a communication was sent to the Finance Ministry by CBDT member Sunita Kaila, the ministry decided to send a DO letter to her explaining the whole affair.

According to the chargesheet,

Pujari "put up a note dated 29.08.2008 to Smt. Sindhushree Khullar justifying therein the excess FDI received by M/s. INX Media to be within the approved percentage and also opined as long as the inflow is within the percentage approved, there is no violation, nor any fresh FIPB permission is required. On this note of Sh. Anup Pujari, Ms. Sindhushree Khullar instructed to add the approval letter dated 31.05.2007 already sent to the company. Accordingly, a letter dated 02.09.2008 was sent to Ms. Sunita Kaila, Member CBDT," the chargesheet has said. It also alleged that in the 128th meeting of the FIPB, Pujari and

vestment.

## Uddhav threatens to explore some 'other options'

of the government's five-year term and that if the BIP doesn't relent to its demand, the Sena could explore other options. The BJP won 105 seats and the Sena 56 in the just concluded elections. "Uddhavji has said that his

discussion with BJP chief Amit Shah and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis was about equal power-sharing and sharing the Chief Minister's post by rotation for two-and-a-half years. The equal seat-sharing could not happen due to unavoidable reasons. Now, for us, equal power-sharing and the CM post is important. The Deputy CM post is secondary for us," said Pratap Sarnaik, a Sena legislator from Thane.

The Sena legislators also passed a resolution authorising the Sena chief to take all decisions on government formation. The legislators have claimed that the ball now lies in the BIP's court and that the party needed to come up with an equitable and honourbale power-sharing agreement.

"Any further decision will be taken after the BIP gives us in writing about what was decided in the equal power-sharing formula. Now, we have given all powers to party chief Uddhavji. His decision will be acceptable to us," Sarnaik added.

The BJP, however, refused to cede any ground, with a senior party functionary saying there is "no question of giving CM post to Sena". "In politics, every party has the right to stake higher power share. But formulae are always based on numbers. The BJP with 105 seats is way ahead of the Shiv Sena's 56 seats. Moreover, 17 Independents and rebels who are former BJP candidates will add to our overall strength, taking the tally upward of 122 seats. The formal formula will be decided once both sides sit

for discussions," he said. Others in the BJP called the Sena's demand "posturing" and said the Sena was doing so

during the allocation of portfolios. Speaking about what tran-

spired in the meeting with Thackeray, Abdul Sattar, Sena MLA from Sillod Aurangabad, said, "The Sena chief said he doesn't want anything more than what was decided. He wants the alliance to form the government while accepting the equal powersharing formula. He said if this doesn't happen, then other options are open for the Sena." Sarnaik too confirmed that Thackeray spoke of "other options" for the Sena.

On Thursday, immediately after the results were announced. Thackeray had reminded the BIP about the power-sharing formula. "We all know that when the alliance was forged before the Lok Sabha polls, the 50:50 formula was decided. There is no need to hide it now. It was also decided that the seat-sharing would be 144-144. BJP state president Chandrakant

Patil had then said I should unto get a better deal for itself derstand the BJP's problems in seat sharing. I understood their problems and accepted a smaller share of seats. But if their problems are going to increase, then I can't understand all their problems," Thackeray had said.

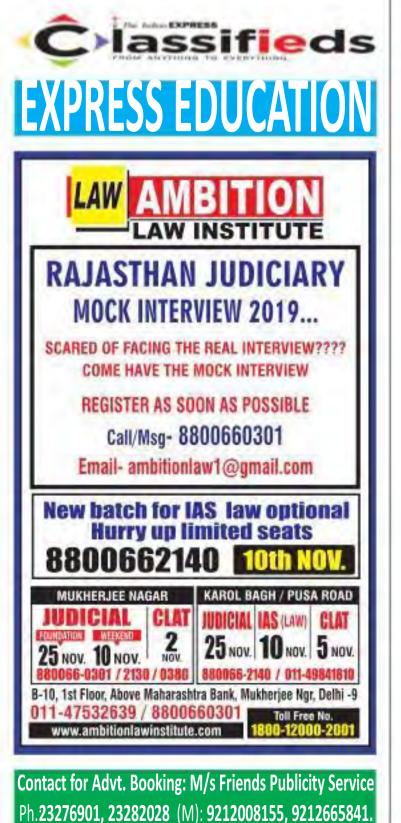
However, the Sena chief had indicated on Thursday that he would not take the support of the Congress-NCP to form the government. "I'm not in a hurry. I am not greedy for power and won't accept anything wrong for power," he had said.

Sena legislators also demanded that Aaditya should be made Chief Minister. "Party workers have expressed their opinion that Aaditya should be CM," said Bhaskar Jadhav, Sena legislator from Guhagar.

Outside Matoshree, Sena workers had put a banner calling for Aaditya Thackeray as Chief Minister of the state. "CM Maharashtra only Aaditya saheb Thackeray," the banner

Meanwhile, Kiran Tiwari, wife

Kiran also held the UP government and Lucknow Police responsible for her husband's mur-



visited them.)"

Ashfaq: "Kiske wahaan? (Visited whom?)"

Zakir: "ATS jaa ke aaye, sab wahaan procedure ho gayi hai, yeh bola ke yahaan bula lo. (We visited the ATS, all procedures have been finished, they told us to call you here.)"

"Kahan pe? Ashfaq:

(Where?)" Zakir: "ATS... SG highway

[Ahmedabad] pe ATS pe jaa ke aa gaye, beta tu kuchh bhi kar ke yahaan aa ja. Haan beta aur kuch nahi. (ATS... on SG highway [in Ahmedabad]. Somehow come here. Nothing else.)" A voice purported to be that of

Mehzabin, Ashfaq's wife, then takes the phone, and Ashfaq tells her he would call her later. "Ye doosre ka phone hai. (This is someone else's phone.)" She too pleads with him to come "here" (to Gujarat).

Zakir Hussain Shaikh told *The* Sunday Express: "Yes, we had a conversation with Ashfaq. We were worried about him. He called on Mehzabin's number and we spoke with him and told him

to come to Gujarat." Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad

Deputy Superintendent of Police K K Patel said: "We know that such an audio clip of a conversation between Ashfaq with his wife and father has gone viral. We don't know who has done it, though." The first arrests in the case

were made on October 19, when Rashid Pathan, Faizan Shaikh and a cleric, Mohsin Shaikh, all residents of Surat, were picked up. The Gujarat ATS has handed over all five men to the UP Police.

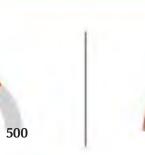
of the murdered Kamlesh Tiwari. said on Saturday that the two arrested men were the ones who had visited her husband at their home. Kiran was present in the house in Lucknow when the murder took place. She demanded that the investigation be handed over to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) so that the deeper conspiracy behind Kamlesh's murder could be unearthed.

other bureaucrats held back information that INX Media had made an unauthorised downstream in-













## 'Stubble burning impact on Delhi to peak today'



The impact of firecracker emissions will be countered by 'not so calm surface winds', said SAFAR. Archive

#### **EXPRESS NEWS** SERVICE

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE IMPACT of stubble burning taking place in North West India on Delhi's air quality is expected to reach 19% Sunday — the highest till date — as per analysis from the central government's air quality and weather forecast system.

Officials from SAFAR Friday had said farm fires in Haryana and Punjab are gradually increasing and following the same pattern as of October last year. On Saturday, the contribution of crop residue burning to PM2.5 levels in Delhi rose to 13% from 4%.

"Surface and boundary layer winds at present are from easterly direction but will change to the northwesterly direction by late evening Saturday. This will have high potential to transport significant biomass, about 10% to 25%, to Delhi in the coming days," SAFAR said Saturday.

However, the impact of bursting firecrackers on

Diwali and biomass emissions would be countered by "not so calm surface winds" Monday, which will flush out the pollutants and bring the city's air quality index in middle-end of 'very poor' category, added SAFAR.

The highest concentration of particulate matter of 10 and 2.5 micrometers (PM10 and PM2.5) is expected to be between 1 am and 6 am on the intervening night between October 27 and 28, according to SAFAR.

The share of pollutants from stubble burning may touch a peak value of around 25% between October 29-30.

If half the number of firecrackers are burned this year as compared to 2017 and 2018, the air quality may dip to 'severe' for a short period on Monday, before pollutants are flushed out by surface winds.

The average air quality index (AQI) of Delhi on Saturday, as per the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), was 287 in the 'poor' category. The AQI on Diwali day, as per SAFAR, is expected to increase to 334, in the 'very poor' category.

## 8 hours, 3 shifts as Faridabad Police rejig work timings

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** GURGAON, OCTOBER 26

OVER 800 personnel deployed with Faridabad Police will henceforth be working in shifts of eight hours, announced Commissioner of Police K K Rao Saturday, adding that the shorter work hours will ensure personnel are able to remain "alert" through their shift.

"Often it is seen that personnel deployed on PCR and rider duty for 24 hours are technically on duty but not alert. It is impossible to be on duty for 24 hours continuously. Keeping this in mind, personnel will be deployed in two or three shifts," said the Commissioner.

According to police, the three shift timings will be from 7.30 am to 3.30 pm; 3.30 pm to 11.30 pm; and 11.30 pm to 7.30 am.

"The duty schedule will also change every week. For instance, those on the morning shift will be in the night shift the following week. The schedule will keep rotating in this manner every week," said Rao.

Police personnel have welcomed the move.

"The 24-hour shifts used to be very difficult, not just in terms of staying alert, but even physically. It would take a toll on

our health as we had to constantly be ready for anything and could not allow ourselves to relax. These shorter shifts give us a chance to catch our breath after every eight hours, which will be of immense help even while we are on duty," said a head constable who did not want to be named.

Others, meanwhile, said this will give them the opportunity to catch up with their families as well as indulge in leisure activities.

"I have young children but I barely spend any time with them. Being on duty for 24 hours means that even when I have time off, I am so tired that I cannot indulge them or play with them. These new shifts will give me a chance to focus a little on my family and also myself... Maybe I will catch up on some movies," said a subinspector.

Starting Sunday, around 850 personnel will be deployed to ensure law and order is maintained in Faridabad, said Rao, adding that 48 PCR vehicles, 48 riders, and 48 checkpoints will be deployed daily.

Personnel posted at these checkpoints will watch out for drivers between the ages of 17 and 30, vehicles with black film on windows, and vehicles without number plates.





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#### THE SUNDAY EXPRESS, OCTOBER 27, 2019

#### **BRIEFLY**

#### Man cheated of Rs 1 cr by 3 posing as I-T officials, cops

New Delhi: Three men allegedly cheated Rs 1.10 crore from a 32-year-old employee of a grain businessman in Central Delhi's Karol Bagh after posing as officials of Income Tax department and Crime Branch. They stopped him on the pretext of checking and allegedly fled with his bag. Police said an FIR has been registered and a search is on to nab the accused.

#### Three held after shootout

New Delhi: Three men who were allegedly planning to kill two businessmen were nabbed by the Delhi Police Special Cell following a shootout in North West Delhi's Qutabgarh. Two of the three accused sustained bullet injuries in their hands and legs, police said.

#### 50-year-old found hanging from tree

New Delhi: A 50-year-old man allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree on Babar Road in Central Delhi's Bengali Market Saturday. Police said Basant Lal worked as a labourer at a construction site in Pragati Maidan.

#### **Two stabbed** to death

New Delhi: Two men were stabbed to death, allegedly by two security guards, following a scuffle in Outer Delhi's Swaroop Nagar. Police said the accused, Sunil (25) and Ravi Kumar (29), were inebriated. **ENS**  FOUR-DAY 'DILLI KI DIWALI' FESTIVAL

## Inaugurating laser show, Kejriwal says no crackers heard on Chhoti Diwali in city

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

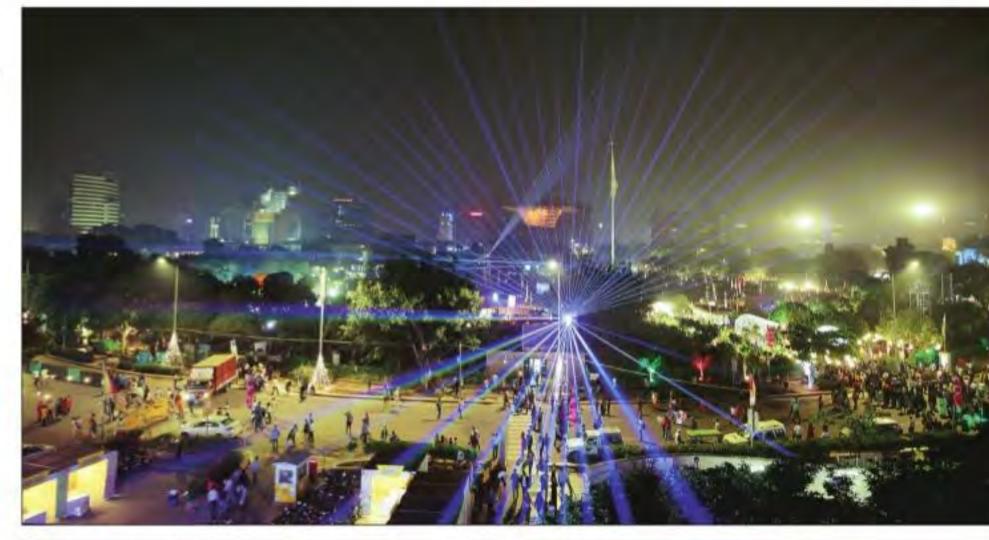
A LIGHT and sound laser show, the main highlight of the Delhi government's four-day 'Dilli ki Diwali' festival, was inaugurated Saturday at Connaught Place's Central Park.

The show was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal, Chief Minister Arvind Keiriwal and Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. With this festival, the Delhi government is promoting celebration of a firecracker-free Diwali to control the city's deteriorating air quality, which often reaches dangerous levels every year after the festival.

Speaking at the event, Kejriwal said, "Delhi's two crore people are our family. And like a family celebrates Diwali together, entire Delhi has come together to celebrate this year."

He added, "Today is Chhoti Diwali... Earlier, a lot of firecrackers would be burst on this day, but today you can't hear them in the whole of Delhi. We, and the people of Delhi, have achieved many things over the years. You have controlled dengue and brought down pollution by 25%; we have to reduce it further. This time, we will welcome lord Ram with diyas, lights and laser show, not with firecrackers and pollution."

The laser show was started with Baijal pressing a 'green button'. Addressing the crowd, the L-G said: "We are grappling with air pollution in Delhi and have taken many steps to control it... The city's population has increased to 20 million from 2 million around three decades ago. Because of this, construction activities, dust and industries have gone up, increasing pollution... I wish that we use the lessons learned from this experiment and hold such programmes in different areas, through which the entire community will be







The laser show was inaugurated by Lt-Governor Anil Baijal, CM Arvind Kejriwal and Deputy CM Manish Sisodia Saturday. People from across Delhi & NCR came to Connaught Place's Central Park to watch the show.

able to celebrate Diwali together and reduce pollution."

With multi-coloured lighting accompanied by Bollywood music, the show mesmerised the gathering in Central Park, which was decorated with colourful lighting and lined by stalls selling artwork and ethnic wear.

One of the light show presentations was a retelling of the Ramayana on a screen, with moving figures of Ram, Ravana and Hanuman made through colourful laser lights enacting the scenes with pre-recorded audio.

Another show included lord Ram's interaction with a young child from the present times. The child told him about things in the contemporary world and at one point takes him on a visit to Delhi's Signature bridge, which Ram confuses for Ram-setu.

To a question from the child on what Ram Rajya is, lord Ram

replies that it's a place where people of every religion live together, care for the environment and respect women, among other things.

The laser light show was followed by a performance by playback singer Javed Ali.

In a tweet later in the day, Kejriwal said: "I'm so glad that so many people turned up. We will put many screens tomorrow."

Heavy security was deployed

nel stationed at entry points and in and around Connaught Place.

at the venue, with police person-

Long queues could also be seen at the entry gates after the show began, with those waiting outside asking people about the show as they came out. Food stalls were also set up in blocks A and B in the Inner Circle, and erides were being run to pick up and drop people from the parking lots.

## Hundreds flock to fest, say will help air quality

**SHIVAM PATEL** NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 26

FROM GHAZIABAD to Rohini, hundreds of people came to Central Park in Connaught Place Saturday for the laser show and other performances, part of the Delhi government's four-day 'Dilli ki Diwali' festival.

Several people *The Indian* Express spoke to at the event expressed concern over the poor air quality in Delhi-NCR during winters, which often deteriorates after Diwali due to bursting of firecrackers among other factors. Indu Harish (32) from West

Delhi's Subhash Nagar came with her family after reading about the festival in news reports. "We suffer a lot due to pollution every year. My daughter is two years old and I worry about her. I often feel nauseous when the air starts getting polluted. An event like this is helpful in creating awareness among people against bursting of crackers," she said.

Saad Siddiqui (23), who came with his aunt, sister and brother from Ghaziabad, said the highlight of festival for them was laved Ali's performance. "People who are here today will help in spreading word-of-mouth about the event and stir interest among others to come and see what it's like... If people who are here do not burn crackers, it would still be some achievement in controlling air pollution," he said.

Some people complained about overcrowding and not being able to see the stage.

Less footfall, huge losses, say CP traders

**ANANYA TIWARI** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

A DAY before Diwali, Connaught Place was largely devoid of customers, with traders claiming their earnings fell sharply due to pedestrianisation of roads for the laser show Saturday.

Last week, traders had spoken out against the Delhi government's proposal to close the Inner Circle and parking lots to traffic for the laser show between October 26 and 29. They claimed it would result in low footfall as most of their clientele commute via cars.

Wenger's owner Aman Tandon said, "Our sales are down by 50%... this is the time of the year when we get orders in bulk."

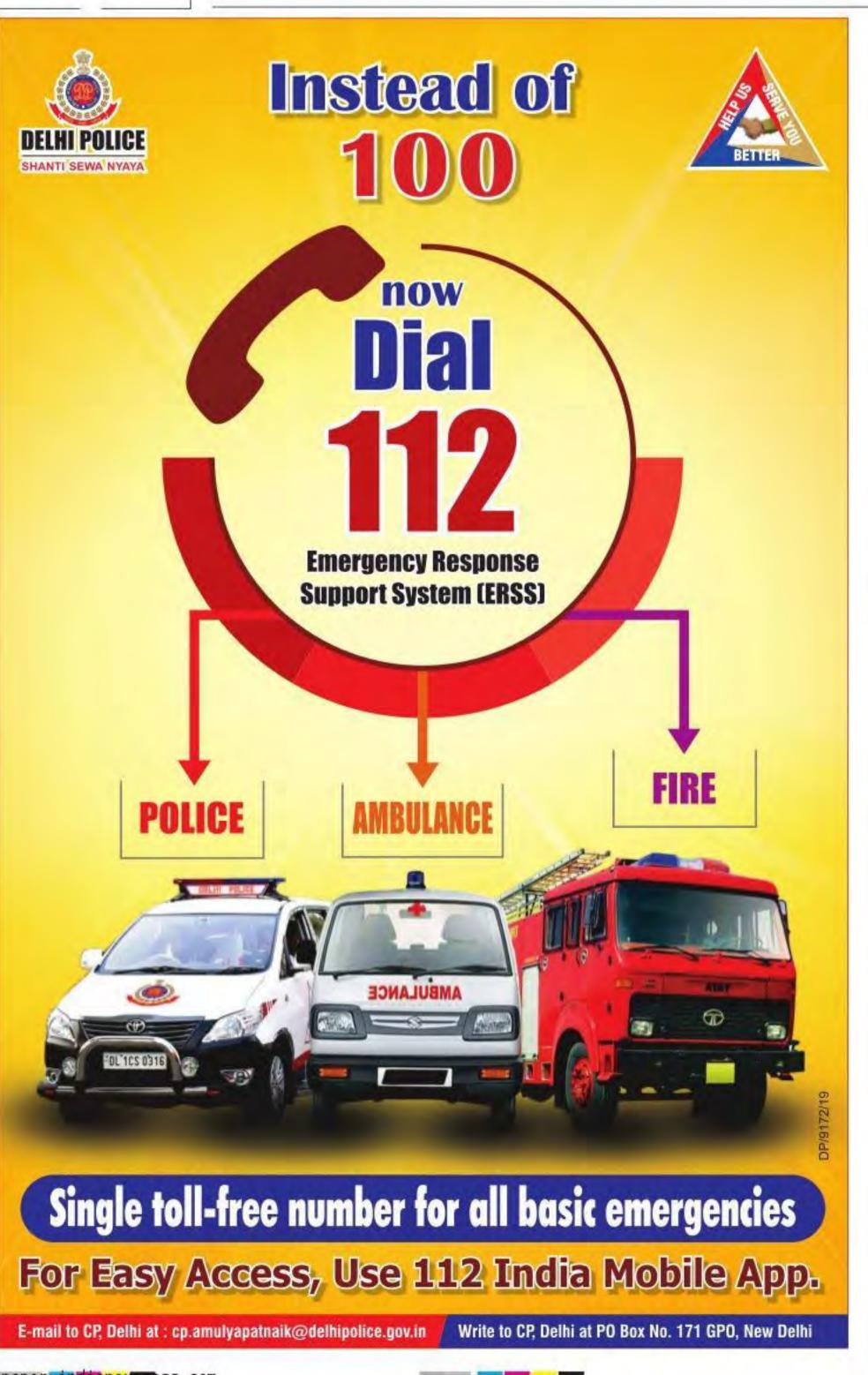
Amit Gupta, who sells modular kitchen appliances, said: "We got calls saying customers will come only after 29th. This peak season is gone for us."

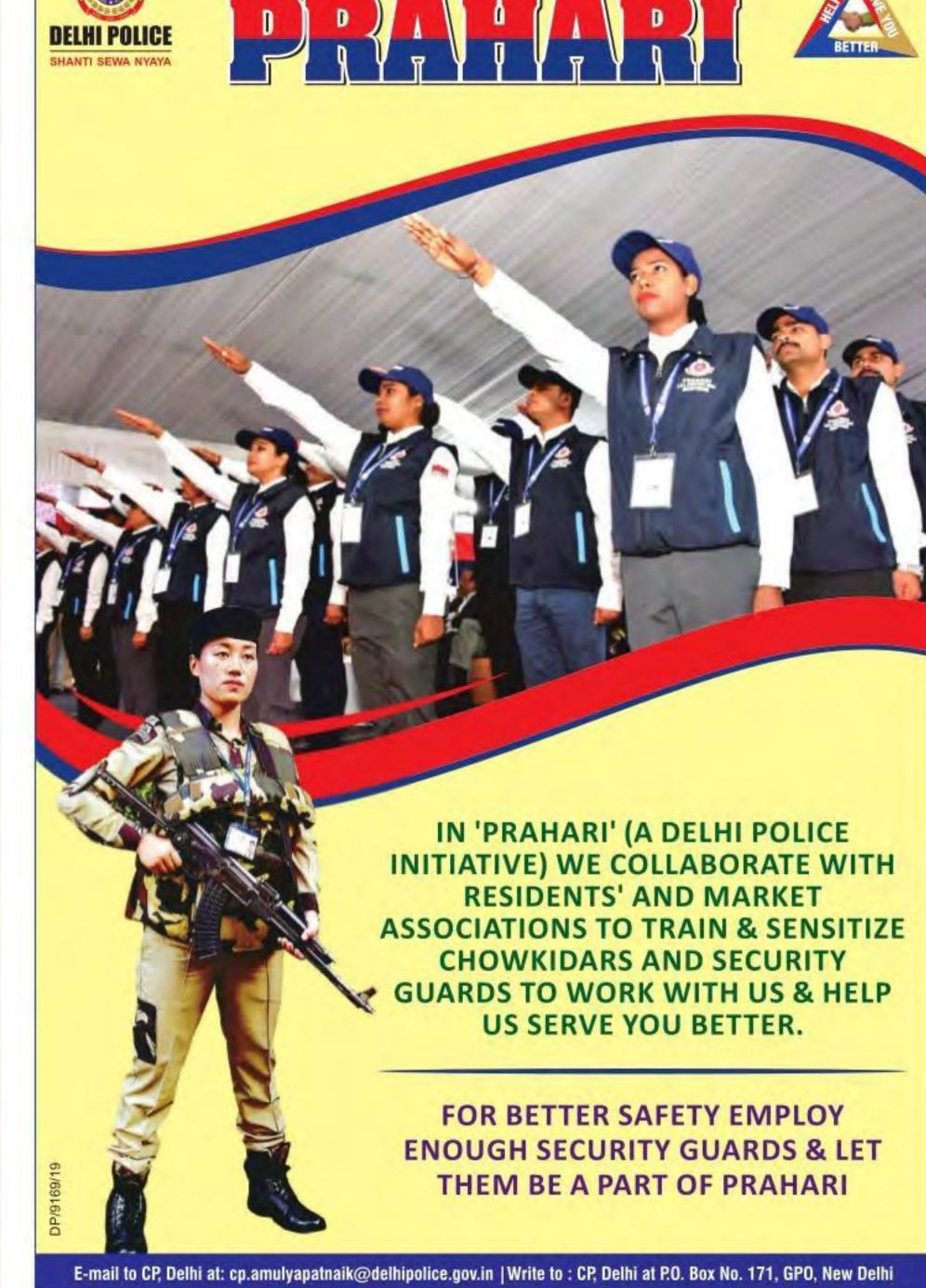
### Meeting in solidarity with Kashmir

**ANANYA TIWARI** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

**EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY with** the Kashmiris and hoping for a return to normalcy in the Valley, a gathering of around 30 people at Jantar Mantar Saturday vowed to not celebrate Diwali. "Kashmiris have understood the Gandhian method of satyagraha, and are silently protesting against abrogation of Article 370 by engaging in a civil disobedience movement," said activist Shabnam Hashmi at the 'No Diwali Without Kashmiris' gathering.

Talking about disruption of trade and life in Kashmir, Hashmi said, "Trade in Jammu has been affected. Tourism has taken a bad hit." Zahida Amin, a Kashmiri said, "I was in Delhi when Article 370 was abrogated. It is unimaginable what we went through...'





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### Distributing free sanitary napkins to students: SDMC to HC

#### **PRITAM PALSINGH** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE SOUTH Delhi Municipal Corporation told the Delhi High Court that it has developed an action plan to distribute free sanitary napkins to girls of menstrual age studying in its primary schools. "Funds are being sought from the Delhi government under the Plan Fund," the corporation told a bench of Chief Justice

Shankar earlier this month. In its affidavit, the SDMC said principals and teachers have been trained to impart education on menstrual hygiene to girls on a one-on-one basis. The SDMC runs 581 primary schools, with classes from pre-nursery to Class V. the court was informed.

D N Patel and Justice C Hari

"The average age group of children studying in MCD schools is 3-11 years," the SDMC said, adding, "A total of 1,20,265 girls study at SDMC primary schools as of August 31, 2019."

It said doctors/health officers working with its schools, under the "School Health Scheme, regularly impart education on menstrual hygiene".

The corporation was replying to the court's direction, seeking an explanation from authorities on steps taken to create awareness about menstrual hygiene among students. The court had also issued directions to the Centre, Delhi government and local civic bodies to file status reports on the menstrual hygiene scheme.

The Delhi government's health department replied that under the menstrual hygiene scheme called UDAAN, rolled out in April, a pack of six sanitary napkins is made available to nonschool going adolescent girls for Rs 6. "The scheme has been availed by more than 45.000 nonschool going adolescent girls on a regular basis (per month)," said the health department.

The court was hearing a plea by advocate Setu Niket, who sought directions to the Centre, the Delhi government and civic bodies to establish a mechanism to provide education on menstruation in schools.

to keep eye on cracker sales

**MANRAL** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

**MAHENDER SINGH** 

TO PREVENT sale of non-green crackers online, which are banned in the capital following a 2016 Supreme Court order, Delhi Police Commissioner Amulya Patnaik has asked the licensing unit to keep track of all websites selling these crackers and take appropriate legal action against them.

Following Patnaik's directions the licensing unit — whose permission is required to sell firecrackers in the capital — has written letters to leading e-commerce companies asking them not to sell crackers. It has also told them not to sell greencrackers, which are prohibited for sale online. Additional CP(li-



**AFTER TOP COP'S ORDERS TO LICENSING UNIT** 

Police scan e-commerce sites

60 shopkeepers have been issued temporary licences to sell green crackers. Archive

censing unit) Suvashish Chaudhary said, "We are keeping track of websites and have written to leading e-commerce companies to not sell crackers."

Patnaik had called a meeting with district DCPs a few days ago, at the Delhi Police Headquarters, to discuss action taken by them to stop sale of crackers in their

areas. He raised the issue of online sale of firecrackers and directed the licensing unit to take action against all such sites with help from the Cyber Crime Cell.

A special team, comprising the licensing unit and cyber cell, is working round the clock checking websites. "After collecting substantial evidence against them, they are sending notices and also taking appropriate legal action," said a senior officer. During the meeting, districts

DCPs informed the police chief that they are sending beat staff to schools and colonies in their areas to spread awareness about green crackers. Across 15 districts in the cap-

ital, a total of 97 sellers had applied for licences to sell firecrackers. Till October 24, 60 shopkeepers were issued licences — with a condition to sell only eco-friendly green crackers. These licences are temporary.

The Indian Express has learnt that of the 60 licences, 13 were given in East Delhi, while 12 were in North Delhi. Eight licences were granted to shopkeepers in Outer North district while no licences were issued to three districts. Apart from these 60, 14 firecracker sellers have permanent licences.

Sale of firecrackers in Delhi was banned by the Supreme Court in November 2016, after the capital witnessed a severe episode of smog, described by the Centre for Science and Environment as the worst in 17 years. In October 2018, the SC ruled that only 'green firecrackers', having low emission and permissible sound limits, were to be sold and used, and fixed time for fireworks between 8 pm and 10 pm on Diwali.



### FESTIVAL RUSH

**ANAND MOHAN J** 

asked him to speak in English

Outside the Ghazipur flower market a day before Diwali. Praveen Khanna

Congolese national shot

dead: Accused acquitted

## BJP plans to take on AAP with new civic projects

#### **ABHINAV RAJPUT**

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

TO COUNTER the AAP government's recent blitz of announcing and inaugurating new projects and rolling out fresh sops, the BJP is looking at the three civic bodies to showcase their own work more proactively. All three civic bodies are

ruled by the BIP and party leaders have inaugurated or announced a slew of new projects in the past two weeks — new classrooms in MCD schools: bonus to sanitation staff; and allocating money for ghats ahead of Chhath puja.

Last week, Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari inaugurated a trommelling machine at Bhalswa landfill, and classrooms and a badminton hall at a school in Karawal Nagar.

Forty tankers, six jetting machines, two super suckers, four mounted machines and six mechanical sweepers meant to tackle pollution were flagged by East Delhi MP Gautam Gambhir

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and Tiwari. "The BJP is committed to preventing pollution in Delhi and I appreciate this step by the EDMC. It's the duty of all parties to think about humanity, ris-

ing above politics," said Gambhir.

Civic body leaders said in the coming months, several projects — like the Krishna Nagar parking lot under the EDMC and four-five multi-level parkings of SDMC — are to be inaugurated. According to a leader, the party has asked senior leaders to attend such events to send out a message ahead of the Assembly polls, scheduled for February.

Sources said all three MCDs will also allocate a big chunk of funds for Chhath Puja and sprucing up ghats. "With Purvanchalis forming one-third of the city's population, it is an occasion to woo them," said a leader.

## 3 held for spate of thefts in Green Park, RK Puram

#### **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THREE MEN were arrested Friday for allegedly burgling homes in posh colonies of South West Delhi in broad daylight. A ieweller to whom the accused allegedly sold the stolen goods was arrested as well.

Police said the accused, Malkiat Singh (49), Mahinder (45) and Santosh Kumar (39), would conduct a recce of areas such as Green Park Extension, RK Puram and Kishangarh DDA flats before allegedly breaking into homes.

"We have recovered seven gold bangles, four gold chains, 12 pairs of gold earrings, four diamond pendants, gold and silver coins, silver glasses, gold necklaces and Rs 5,700 from the accused," said DCP (South West) Devender Arya. Police said a pistol too was recovered from them.

allegedly behind a burglary in Green Park Extension Wednesday. According to police, the accused allegedly rang the

Police said the accused was

#### Police said the accused broke into the houses during the day

doorbell of the house five times and broke into the house when no one opened the door.

"Mahinder had lived in Green Park Extension in 2014 and was familiar with the area... the accused would conduct a recce to see movement of guards, location of CCTVs, and homes that were unoccupied during the day... they burgled homes at night too," said a police officer.

Police said the three had been active in South West Delhi for over three months and have FIRs lodged against them across the city. "They would sell their loot to a jeweller, Pradeep (29), in Sambhal, UP. The jeweller would melt the gold and make new jewellery," said police.

DCP Arya said footage from at least 25 CCTVs in Green Park though the occurrence of the and Green Park Extension were analysed to identify the accused.

#### As per prosecution, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26 the accused, Parveen Rana, allegedly A DELHI court acquitted a property dealer accused of shooting opened fire at Twende dead a Congolese national in Mbuyi Yann after he 2013, after the latter reportedly

asked him to speak in

during an argument over parking. **English and not Hindi** As per the prosecution, the victim, Twende Mbuyi Yann, a citizen of the Democratic fails at the stage of identity of the

Republic of Congo, had stopped accused". his car near a friend's house in The prosecution had pro-Dwarka Sector 7, when the acduced Yann's friend and eyewitcused, Parveen Rana, got into an ness Passy Lokema Ngole, who argument with him over parkfailed to identify the accused during her deposition. Further, she did not identify the accused The argument escalated and even after he was pointed out in Rana allegedly opened fire at Yann, after he asked him to the court room.

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The court said the forensic report on the weapon of offence was inconclusive: "It does not come to a conclusion that the bullets were fired from the same weapon sent for analysis."

It added that Rana trying to flee "cannot be a determinative factor in judging his guilt".

### Man shot dead in 'road rage' incident

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

SIX MEN were arrested and a juvenile apprehended Saturday in an alleged road rage incident wherein a man was shot dead in North West Delhi. "The incident took place on October 24. The man, Jwala Singh, was declared dead on arrival at the hospital," said DCP (North West) Vijavanta Arya. "On Thursday night, a bike

brushed past the victim's brother and he got into a fight with the riders. Singh also reached the spot... The matter escalated and Singh was shot in the face," said an officer. The accused, Suraj, Prakash,

Arun Bhatia, Harsh Bhatia, Abhishek and Govinda, live nearby. The weapon used in the incident has been recovered. said police.

Police said two employees of the main accused, Suraj, went out to buy something when Singh's brother Jitender got into an altercation with them. "It was a minor fight over the bike's silencer and that the bike touched him, said police. Singh also reached the spot and was shot dead.

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(2nd Call) System Tender No.:57854/NIT No.:16/SAC/2019-20. Durg, Dated: -24.10.2019

Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 23.11.2019 at 17.30 Hour

Name of Work:- CONSTRUCTION OF TATBANDH AND RETAINING WALL CONTROL ERROSION IN CHIRPOT NALLA BLOCK DURG OF DISTRICT DURG

#### Probable Amount of Contract: - Rs153.95 Lakhs

The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in) from Date 13.11.2019, at 17.31 Hours. (IST) onwards.

Note:- All eligible/intrested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (https://eproc. **cgstate.gov.in**) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding

> **Executive Engineer Tandula Water Resources Division Durg** For, Superintending Engineer, Shivnath Circle

> > Durg (C.G.)

#### TAMILNADU HOUSING BOARD TIRUNELVELI HOUSING UNIT

74449

Tirunelveli Housing Unit of Tamil Nadu Housing Board has proposed to sell the Commercial Sites / Shops sites / Community Hall / Public purpose site, etc. (Totally 50 Nos.) situated in various schemes through inviting Applications for Sealed Tender cum Open Auction.

APPLICATION INVITED FOR SEALED TENDER CUM OPEN AUCTION

NOTICE

Please visit TNHB website www.tnhb.tn.gov.in from 30.10.2019 for further details regarding Code No. Plot Nos. plot extent, upset price, EMD Amount, Auction date, cost of Applications, cost details, period of sale of application and conditions. DIPR / 1255 (DISPLAY/2019)

Manager - Marketing and Service, Tirunelveli Housing Unit, Tirunelveli

#### CONSTRUCTION OF STANDARD TYPE-II & TYPE-III QUARTER E-TENDER NOTICE NO. LMG/Enggi

While acquitting Rana,

Special Judge Neelam Singh said,

"No motive has been established

by the prosecution to establish

present case was not disputed,

"the version of the prosecution

The court had said even

nied the charge.

the accused's guilt."

114 of 2019; Dated: 23-10-2019. E tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: SN.1. Brief Description of Item: Construction of standard Type-II quarters at Jiribam JRMB) (20 units) & Vangaichungpao (VNGP) (7 units) and one unit Type-III quarter at Vangaichungpao (VNGP) under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Badarpurghat. Tender Value: ₹3,94,89,024,36; Earnest Money: ₹3,47,400.00. E-tenders will be closed 15:00 hrs. on 19-11-2019 and Opened 15:00 hrs. on 20:11:2019. The complete information with tender documents of above e-tender will be available upto 15.00 hrs of 19-11-2019

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Divisional Railway Manageri

#### NOTICE INVITING TENDERS FOR EVENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO ORGANIZE MOSAIC: MP DESIGN UTSAV AT NID MP

Sealed tenders are invited by National Institute of Design Madhya Pradesh (NID MP) in two bid system (Technical bid and Financial bid separately) for award of contract for Event Management Services to organize Mosaic : MP Design Utsav at its campus at Village - Acharpura, Eint Khedi, Post Arwaliya, Bhopal, MP 462038, to be held from 19.12.2019 to 21.12.2019. The tender document can be downloaded from http://nidmp.ac.in/tender. html, where other details are also available. The last date of submission of tender is 04.11.2019. Registrar

### NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, ALLAHABAD

E- Procurement Tender Notice

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.19/20 Date: 25.10.2019 On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Allahabad (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

No.	No.	Description	Qty.	Opening Date
1	20195022A	25 KV GAPLESS SURGEARRESTOR	21 Nos.	14.11.2019
2	40195032	SUPPLY ERECTION TESTING & COMMISSIONING OF HIGHBAY LED LIGHT 100 WATT	150 Nos.	26.11.2019
3	40191016D	BUILT UP FLEXIBLE MICA SHEET BONDED	485 Nos.	21.11.2019

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tenders are available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III. digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vender shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. 1561/19(I)

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#### TAMIL NADU HOUSING BOARD TRICHY HOUSING UNIT APPLICATIONS FOR LOT/SEALED

### TENDER-CUM-OPEN AUCTION NOTICE Trichy Housing Unit of Tamil Nadu Housing Board has

proposed to sell the Commercial Site / Shop Site / Community Hall Site/ School Site/ Public Purpose Site / Primary School Site/ Nursery School Site/ Religious Purpose sites (Totally 57 items) through Inviting Applications for Sealed Tender Cum- Open Auction.

Please Visit TNHB website "www.tnhb.gov.in" from 27.10.2019 for further details regarding Code No, Plot No, Plot Extent, Upset Price, EMI amount, Auction date, cost of Application, Cost Details, Period of sale of application and conditions. Also contact below address for further details.

Address: The Executive Engineer & Administrative Officer Tamil Nadu Housing Board,

Trichy Housing Unit, Kajamalai Colony,

Trichy-620 020. Phone No.0431-2420614. DIPR / 1225 / DISPLAY / 2019

Admn Officer , Trichy Housing Unit

Exe.Engr &

निविदा की लगभग कल लागत 15.00 करोड़ लगभग ऑनलाईन निविदा डाउनलोड करने की दिनांक दिनांक 25.11.2019 18.00 बजे से दिनांक 19.11.2019 11.00 बजे तक https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in दिनांक 25.11.2019 18.00 बजे से दिनांक 19.11.2019 11.00 बजे तक दिनांक 19.11.2019 11.00 बजे तक

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– प्रोक्योरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

दिनांक 19.11.219 15.00 बजे यह निविदाएं टू बिड पद्धति से आमंत्रित की जाकर सचिव, रारापापुमं, के कार्यालय में उपरोक्तानुसार निर्धारित तिथि को खोली जावेगी। निविदा से संबंधित विवरण एवं शर्ते वैबसाईट http://education.rajashan.gov.in/rstb तथा http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in पर देखे जा सकते है एवं https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in से अपलोड व देखे जा सकते है। Bidders who wish to participate in online tenders should have legally valid Digital Signature Certificate as per Information Technology Act 2000 procured through any of the licence certifying Authority of India using which they can sign their electronic

> TAMILNADU HOUSING BOARD THANJAVUR HOUSING UNIT

SEALED TENDER-CUM-OPEN AUCTION NOTICE

AUCTION TO BE HELD ON - 26 .11.2019 Thanjavur Housing Unit has proposed to sell the unsold Commercial Sites / Shop Sites / Community Hall Site / Public Purpose Site / Religious Purpose Site

Please visit TNHB website "www.tnhb.tn.gov.in' from 30.10.2019 for further details regarding Code No./Plot No. /Plot extent/Upset price/Application Money (EMD) /Cost of application/Period for sale of application and conditions. Please contact the office for further details.

New Housing Unit Colony, Thanjavur - 613 005. Telephone No. 04362-227066 DIPR / 1250 /DISPLAY/2019

Executive Engineer & ADO.,(i/c)

Thanjavur Housing Unit

# DECISION 2019 AFTER VERDICT



### Maharashtra's youngest MLA hopes he will make Thackerays vote for him in 2024

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

CONGRESS MLA Zeeshan Baba Siddiqui, who scythed through a two-way race in Mumbai's Bandra East to emerge victorious, is hoping to deliver on the expectations of all his constituents. At 27, he is the state's youngest legislator.

"Now that the Thackeray family are also my constituents, I am hoping that after five years, they will vote for me. The only agenda



Zeeshan Baba Siddiqui

I have now is to work for the betterment of my constituency and try to solve the issues it faces," he says at his makeshift election office.

Having operated

from the temporary office, some 800 m away from the Thackeray abode Matoshree, Siddiqui reckons he is now

everybody's MLA, not just of those who voted for him. "There is plenty to be done here, I feel people here have been neglected in the last five years. Being a youngster, I understand what the youth wants," he points out.

Siddiqui, a former collegiate cricketer, says he won the first big battle of his life by nicking the Bandra East seat. He defeated Shiv Sena candidate and Mumbai Mayor Vishwanath Mahadeshwar by 5,790 votes. The win became all the more special because it's the constituency where Sena chief Uddhav Thackeray resides.

With Sena rebel Trupti Sawant contesting as an Independent, Bandra East became a stiff fight between three candidates. Sawant tallied 24,071 votes whereas Sena got 32,547 votes, AIMIM came fourth with over 12,000 votes. MNS' Akhil Chitre garnered 10,683 votes, which is believed to have eaten into Sena's vote share.

### JJP is BJP's B-team, says former BSF constable, quits

**SAKSHI DAYAL** GURGAON, OCTOBER 26

FORMER BSF constable Tej Bahadur Yadav,

who contested the Haryana elections from Karnal on a Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) ticket, on Saturday announced that he has left the party following its decision to form an alliance with the BJP in the state. Yadav was dismissed from the BSF in

2017 after he uploaded a video on social media, complaining about the quality of food given to security personnel in Jammu and

He contested the Haryana elections from Karnal on a JIP ticket, pitting himself against Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. He managed to secure only 3,192 votes and finished a distant third.

On Saturday, Yadav, in a video uploaded on social media, described the JIP as the "B team of the BIP".

He also alleged that

JJP leader Dushyant

"cheated" people of

the state by taking

the decision "when

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Tej Bahadur Yadav

joined JIP with him, Yadav said, "I request all my supporters to also leave JJP... The people of Haryana showed the BJP the road out of power, but today Dushyant Chautala has deceived all of Haryana and... has joined the BJP." Yadav claimed he began suspecting that the JJP was the "B team" of the BJP, citing the lack of help he received when he was imprisoned in Jhansi for four days after protesting against the alleged encounter of Pushpendra Yadav, hours after he allegedly fired at an SHO who had seized his truck.

## Pawar rules out bid to form govt, Cong leaders keep line open

**MANOJ MORE** PUNE, OCTOBER 26

NCP CHIEF Sharad Pawar and Congress state president Balasaheb Thorat on Saturday reiterated that the two parties will sit in the Opposition, even as some other leaders from the Congress, and Raju Sheti, who heads Swabhimani Paksha, another UPA constituent, tried to keep a channel open with the Shiv Sena

Pawar said: "The issue of government formation, or searching for an alternative, does not arise. Voters have given their mandate for us to sit in Opposition. I have accepted the verdict."

While stating that the mandate received by Congress-NCP alliance is to "sit in Opposition," Thorat, however, also said that for a tie-up with the Sena to become a possibility, the proposal has to come from the latter. "We might think on those lines...but the proposal has to come from Shiv Sena. If it comes, I will immediately forward it our high command, which will take a final decision."

Thorat, who met Pawar in Baramati on Saturday, said, "We have not received any proposal from the Shiv Sena. Neither have we sent any proposal to the Shiv Sena."

On Thursday, former Maharashtra CM and senior Congress leader Prithviraj Chavan had dropped hints that the party was open for discussions with the Sena. Without nam-



Congress state president Balasaheb Thorat with NCP chief Sharad Pawar and NCP leaders Supriya Sule and Rohit Pawar, in Baramati on Saturday. Express

ing the Sena, he had told *The Indian Express*, "We need to put an end to vindictive politics of BJP... therefore, it was better to tie with up the lesser of the evil."

On Saturday, Chavan repeated: "I still do not deny that possibility.... In a couple of days, we will meet the NCP chief and discuss the possibility. We are keeping a watch (on developments in BJP and Sena) and will decide accordingly."

Congress leader Vijay Wadettiwar, Leader of Opposition in the outgoing Assembly, was quoted by PTI from Mumbai, "The mandate for Congress is to perform the role of Opposition. But to stop BIP, we need to come

IIP workers welcome Dushvant Chautala at the party office in Chandigarh on Saturday. Jaipal Singh

to heed him.

In Dushyant, elders see image of

Devi Lal, the youth a kingmaker

on the campaign trail of his grandfather Om

Prakash Chautala in 2004. Dressed in a white

kurta pyjama, the chubby youngster, who

was treated to tall glasses of milk in village

after village, listened keenly to his grandfa-

the party after a raucous crowd started chant-

ing pro-Dushyant slogans at a rally in Devi Lal's memory in November 2018 and refused

It was Chautala who expelled him from

The expulsion came four years after

Dushyant became the youngest MP in the

Lok Sabha at the age of 26 in 2014. He

achieved this feat, which earned him a place

in the Limca Book of Records, by defeating

another dynast, Kuldeep Bishnoi, the son of

JBT teachers recruitment scam, Dushyant be-

gan dividing his time between the country-

side of Haryana and Delhi, where he created

ripples by driving his tractor to Parliament —

more recently, he chose a tractor to drive to

He also distinguished himself by taking

With his father Ajay Chautala in jail in a

former CM Bhajan Lal, in Hisar.

the voting booth on October 21.

ther spewing venom at the Congress.

EXPLAINED

#### When NCP was ready to back BJP

IN 2014, soon after the Maharashtra Assembly election results were declared, the Sharad Pawar-led NCP had wasted no time in extending support to the BJP after the saffron party fell short of majority, even without the latter seeking support. The BJP and Shiv Sena joined hands to form the government.

together. Shiv Sena has to come forward. The Sena should come forward for an alternative arrangement, as the popular mandate was against the BJP."

Raju Sheti said, "I am in favour of forming the government with the help of Sena. The Sena is any day better than the vindictive BJP. Congress-NCP leaders should take initiative in this regard.'

part in two dozen debates, and tabling two

Bills in the first year itself, clocking an atten-

dance of 89 per cent. Friends say he was ap-

fielded from Jind in the January bypolls, jok-

ingly calls him a buddha (old man) as his

favourite actor is Dharmendra and the Sholay

song Yeh dosti ham nahin chodenge his all-

While in Parliament, Dushyant also be-

gan taking a keen interest in INSO — the

INLD's student body floated by his father. In

the student politics of the state capital

Chandigarh, he came to be known as the

kingmaker, and a king who was generous

with students and commanded their loyalty.

home with villagers in their rustic lingo and set-

ting. "He doesn't behave like a politician, he is

very calm and gentle. And he has a knack for

connecting with everyone regardless of their

age," says Gourav Duhan, who contested as INSO

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candidate from Panjab University this year.

Fluent in both Haryanvi and English, he is at

time favourite track.

His younger brother Digvijay, whom he

palled at the number of absentee MPs.



A banner outside the Thackerays' residence in Mumbai, calling for Aaditya Thackeray to be made Maharashtra Chief Minister. Pradip Das

## Maharashtra BJP reads the votes: Art 370 may not have worked in some pockets

**SHUBHANGI KHAPRE** 

MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

ASSERTING THAT the new chief minister will be from the BJP, the state unit of the party has submitted its post-election analysis to the central leadership, examining where it fell short of expectations in numbers and strategy in the October 21 polls.

While the party feels reforms undertaken in the agriculture sector, primarily the state government's flagship Jalyukt Shivar project, yielded positive results in the rural belt, its performance in urban areas is being attributed to voters' rejection of the "national plank" — Article 370 — in some pockets. "The party's performance was better in

rural areas compared to urban areas in the state. Nearly 75 per cent of the 105 seats won are from rural or semi-rural areas of Maharashtra," a BIP leader said.

However, the party's performance in urban areas such as Pune, Nashik, Nagpur, Amravati, Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara (with

the exception of Mumbai where BJP won 16 of the total 36 seats) is being attributed to voters' rejection of the Article 370 plank. A senior BJP leader told The Sunday

Express, "The nationalism plank worked wel in the Lok Sabha polls, which gave us an absolute mandate. Pushing the Article 370 issue in the Assembly polls in a short span of five months, however, appears to have not worked in our favour." The party has convened a meeting of the

newly elected MLAs on October 30 to appoint its legislative party leader in Maharashtra. Sources in the BJP said the newly elected 105 party MLAs were likely to unanimously

elect Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis as the BIP legislative party leader, paving the way for his swearing-in next week for a second term. BJP leader in-charge of Maharashtra, Saroj

Pande, on Saturday asserted the BJP's claim over the chief ministerial post. "The Maharashtra chief minister will be from the BIP," she said.

## A Chautala back in govt after 15 years, village waits with list of pending works

**RAAKHIJAGGA** 

CHAUTALA (HARYANA), OCTOBER 26

ON A day Haryana Governor Satyadeo Narain Arya invited Manohar Lal Khattar and Dushyant Chautala to take oath, there was mixed reaction in the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) leader's village, Chautala, on his decision to go with the BIP.

But whichever side of the political development they stood on, almost all residents were unanimous that the village will be back in the spotlight, getting attention from Chandigarh after a 15-year hiatus, when no member from the Chautala family was part of the state government.

On Saturday, there was no celebration in the village, and most people told *The Sunday* Express that they are waiting for Dushyant to

Panchayat member Amar Singh Sahu said, "Many villagers are happy that after 15 years Chautala village's name will be in the limelight. Earlier, during Chaudhary Devi Lal and Om Parkash Chautala's tenure as CMs. officers used to come here and redress our problems. Our work was done in government offices without delay, but they don't even pick our phone calls now."

Fellow panchayat member Dharampal Singh said there has been no celebration yet. "So far only Congress supporters have celebrated, as their candidate Amit Sihag won (the village comes under Dabwali constituency)." Dharampal said discussions on the al-

liance are going on, especially since JJP sought votes by campaigning against BJP.

Another topic being debated, Sahu said, is the need to break away from INLD:

At village in Sirsa, Saturday. Gurmeet Singh

"Dushyant was being offered the deputy CM's post by INLD itself, but he insisted on being the CM. If he had to become deputy CM, he could have become that by staying in

Vinod Kumar, a villager, said, "Although we feel the alliance with BJP was not good, we are happy that JJP will be part of the government. We will get more teeth...get works done."

Listing out pending work, panchayat member Sahu said, "There is a problem of water shortage; we need a bigger water tank; canal water comes every fortnight, as against every week earlier. There is also the issue of water contamination."

Interestingly, although Dushyant's family comes from the village, his party doesn't seem very popular here. The JJP got only 1,253 votes from Chautala village, finishing a poor fourth. The INLD fared only marginally better with 1,442 votes. At 3,199, BJP received maximum votes in the village, followed by the Congress (3,074 votes).

## Ram temple construction may start by Dec 6: Sakshi Maharaj

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** LUCKNOW. OCTOBER 26

BJP MP from Unnao Sakshi Maharaj on Saturday claimed that going by the way the arguments in the Supreme Court in Babri-Ramjanmbhoomi title suit case proceeded, it could be estimated that the verdict may be in favour of construction of the temple and that construction may begin before December 6.

"The way the arguments have gone in the court, it can be estimated that the verdict will be in favour of the Ram temple. It is the responsibility of the state and Centre to ensure that the verdict is implemented," Maharaj

told The Sunday Express. "If the verdict comes in six weeks, the construction (of Ram temple) may begin before December 6. This is my estimate. Who am I to start the construction?" he added. Asked what if the verdict does not come

in the favour of the Hindu side, he said, "Jo nirnay aayega wahi hoga (Whatever the verdict of the Supreme court is, it will be followed)."

**MANRAJ GREWAL SHARMA** 

DUSHYANT CHAUTALA was 11 when his

great-grandfather Chaudhary Devi Lal, for-

mer Deputy Prime Minister, two-time

Harvana chief minister and arguably the

tallest Jat leader from the state, passed away.

Chahar, a farmer, says, "In their family, it's in

Dushyant that our elders see the *chhavi* 

(image) of Devi Lal." The family says 6-foot-

4-inch Dushyant gets his height from his

of education from Devi Lal. A boarder at

Sanawar in Himachal Pradesh, Dushyant re-

members returning home on vacation to just

one question from his great-grandfather:

University followed by law studies at

He went on to pursue a degree in business management from California State

The Indian Express first encountered him

"How much have you learnt?"

National Law University.

Dushyant says he learnt the importance

At Umarvas village in Sirsa, Preetam

CHANDIGARH, OCTOBER 26

great-grandfather.

He also said that he would like to thank the Supreme Court, the Shia Waqf Board and Sunni Waqf Board. "I would first like to thank the Supreme Court for hearing a 150-yearold issue in 40 days. The court heard both sides. Secondly, I would like to thank the Shia Waqf board for submitting to the court that there was a temple there and that it should be built. I thank them for their appeal to get the temple built there. Thirdly, I would like to thank the Sunni Waqf Board. Eventually, they took back their claim. I said this is not a defeat or win for anyone," the MP said.

**AVANEESH MISHRA** 

AYODHYA. OCTOBER 26

CLAIMING THAT the very mention of Ayodhya left previous governments scared, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday said his government had brought projects worth hundreds of crores to the town.

Laying the foundation stone for projects worth Rs 226 crore, Adityanath said, "I have come here around 18 times in the last two and a half years. The result is that whenever I come, with the blessings of saints and Modiji, I bring projects worth hundreds of crore for Ayodhya.'

He was addressing a gathering at the Ram Katha Maidan to mark the third Deepotsav celebrations, where more than 5 lakh diyas



UP CM Yogi Adityanath at the Deepotsav celebrations in Ayodhya on Saturday. AP

were lit.

Though the Supreme Court verdict on Ayodhya issue is expected soon, Adityanath made no mention of the case or the demand for a Ram temple.

Saying Ayodhya holds a significant place for sanatan dharam followers, Adityanath said, "Where else can we find a state with such cultural and religious richness? Ayodhya has to get due recognition. This Deepotsav programme is a step in that direct

The celebrations started around 10 am, when characters dressed as Ram, Laxman and Sita arrived on a chopper and were worshipped by the delegates.

Meanwhile, the Guinness Book of World Records has awarded a certificate to the department of tourism and RML Awadh university for the largest display of oil lamps.

6 US lawmakers

write to envoy,

seek free access

to Kashmir for

foreign media

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** 

SEEKING FREE access for foreign

journalists and Congressmen to

Kashmir, six American lawmak-

ers have written to Indian

Ambassador to the US Harsh

Vardhan Shringla, saying that the

picture portrayed by India in the

Valley is different from the information shared with them by

The lawmakers' letter to

Shringla comes as the US on

Thursday sought from India a

"roadmap" to political and eco-

nomic normalcy in Kashmir and

immediate release of all political

extensively covered develop-

ments in Kashmir, acting US

Assistant Secretary of State for

South and Central Asia Alice G

Wells had said the role of some

of the international reporters has

been particularly important, but

journalists continue to face chal-

lenges in access while reporting

due to the security restrictions.

parency can only be achieved

when journalists and Members

of Congress are allowed free access to the region. We encourage

India to open Jammu and

Kashmir to both domestic and

foreign journalists, and other in-

ternational visitors, in the inter-

est of open media and increased

communication," the US

Congressmen said in the letter.

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McGovern and Susan Wild said

In their letter dated October

"We believe true trans-

Noting that journalists have

their constituents.

detainees.

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

## J&K: 6 CRPF men injured in grenade attack

**ADIL AKHZER** SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 26

SUSPECTED MILITANTS on Saturday evening hurled a grenade on a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) team de-

ployed at a checkpoint outside a

hospital in Srinagar, injuring six

personnel. Unidentified militants lobbed a grenade in Karan Nagar area in Srinagar "followed by firing which was promptly retaliated by security forces around 18.50 hours", a CRPF spokesperson said on Saturday evening. The spokesperson said that six

personnel of 144 battalion re-

ceived injuries and were taken

to hospital CRPF IG Ravideep Singh Sahi told The Sunday Express that militants hurled a grenade on the CRPF deployment outside Srinagar's Shri Maharaja Hari Singh hospital. He said the militants fled after the attack and a few under-construction buildings near the hospital premises

were searched to nab them.

"We have cordoned off the area and also conducted some searches in the under-construction buildings near SMHS hospital. Nothing has been found (during the searches so far)," Sahi said, adding all the injured are stable and out of danger.

Local residents in Karan Nagar area told The Sunday Express that they heard gunshots in the evening, triggering

All senior security officers reached the spot and security forces cordoned off the area to launch a manhunt.

On October 12, seven civilians were injured after a grenade was hurled at Srinagar's Hari Singh High Street area. Fourteen people, including a local journalist and a traffic policeman, were injured in another grenade attack in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on October 5.

On September 28, a CRPF spokesperson had said that a grenade was lobbed on personnel of the CRPF's 49 battalion in Nawakadal area of Srinagar city. No one was injured.

'This is an

attack on

economy'

local

priority is to facilitate those as-

sociated with the apple trade.

"Yesterday also police teams vis-

ited that area and whatever

steps are necessary have been

taken. Wherever public need us,

security arrangements have

been made. Although, it is not

possible to cover all the interiors

in far-flung areas but majority of

the areas where we can cover,

we are covering," he said, adding

that the attacks were aimed at

causing damage to the horticul-

ture and tourism sectors of

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sion towers in Shopian, DGP

Singh said, "As far as causing

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## **DGP: Probe into Shopian** killings at advanced stage

**ADIL AKHZER** SRINAGAR, OCTOBER 26

J&K DGP Dilbag Singh on Saturday that the investigation in the Shopian killings is at an "advanced stage" and police

have found important clues.

Two truckers from outside the state were killed and another person was critically injured when militants attacked them in Shopian in south Kashmir on Thursday evening. Five from outside the state have been killed

since October 14. "This is an attack on the local economy and also on livelihood of people... these activities are being carried out to disrupt and interfere in the daily life of the people. Such actions are not in the interest of people. To a large extent, people are condemning such activities," the DGP told mediapersons on the sidelines of an event in Srinagar. "Our investigations (into Shopian killings) are in an advanced stage. We almost know who is involved in this act."

According to DGP, the first

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## Article 370 like a dead body; it's gone, won't return, says Ram Madhav

**ARUN SHARMA** JAMMU, OCTOBER 26

IN A clear message to mainstream opposition politicians in Jammu and Kashmir, BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav on Saturday asked people not to have any doubt or hope about return of Article 370, which accorded a special status to the state.

"Aap ko maatam manana hai na? Dead body ko rakh kar 10-11 din mana saktey ho. Woh jo mara hai wapas nahi ayega. 370 samaapt ho gaya hai; wapas nahi ayega' (If you want to mourn, you can mourn for 10-11 days over the body, but the one who has died will not return. Article 370 has been removed; it will not come back)," Madhav said.

Addressing a seminar on "Accession Day", organised by the



Ram Madhav at an event on J&K's 'Accession Day' in **Jammu on Saturday.** PTI

BJP's local unit in association with Dr Svama Prasad Mookerjee Navas (Trust), Jammu, Madhav said, referring to Jawaharlal Nehru and National Conference party's founder Sheikh Abdullah, Article 370 was an agreement between two individuals. "It had neither the support of any political party nor the Constituent Assembly. Only two people decided it."

Referring to the criticism by the Congress and other opposition parties over the Union government's decision to remove special status to the state under Article 370, Madhav said, "Today, when they ask us whether we did it undemocratically, I say with responsibility that Article 370 was inserted into the Constitution through undemocratic means. We removed it through completely democratic means."

The BJP leader said that Diwali this year, being celebrated on Sunday, will be a special occasion for the people of J&K, as they are no longer "victims of dual citizenship". He said: "They now have only one citizenship — as Indian nationals — and they will celebrate the festival with this sense

of pride. We have fulfilled the motive with which Maharaja Hari Singh had acceded the state 70 vears ago by signing the Instrument of Accession on October 26, 1947."

Calling Article 370 a "conspiracy", Madhav said it had not come on the day Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession but was created later. "On that day (October 26, 1947), there had been only one incident involving complete accession of J&K into the Dominion of India, along with 560 states across the country. We gave birth to it later," he said. On institution of Article 370,

the decision of Maharaja Hari Singh and the instrument of accession.... Today we have corrected that distortion."

he said there are "many players in

this drama, who later distorted

Maintaining that Jawaharlal

Nehru had delayed accession of I&K by four days to "favour" Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and make the Pakistan army reach the boundary of Srinagar city, the BIP leader said the "drama" came later. He said, "The Constituent Assembly was made so as to decide the number of members coming from princely states acceding to Indian Dominion. Jammu and Kashmir was given four members. Of them, two had to be nominated by Maharaja Hari Singh and the remaining two by Praja Parishad, set up following

"(But) Nehru refused to give this constitutional right to J&K, saying that the Maharaja was not representative of the people, and that the Praia Parishad had been elected in 1946 elections that were boycotted by the National Conference."

the elections in 1946.

At Gundishat in Tangdhar, where shells landed. Shuaib Masood

## In Tangdhar, cry for bunkers as shells rain from across LoC

**ADIL AKHZER** 

SRINAGAR, TANGDHAR. OCTOBER 26

WHEN SHELLS landed in Reddi village, some 25 km from Kupwara town on Thursday evening, it was the first time in decades that Pakistani mortar fire had reached so deep inside Kupwara in North Kashmir.

Four civilians were injured in the shelling, as India and Pakistan exchanged heavy fire in the Tangdhar and Keran sectors of the frontier district.

"Several shells landed in our village that damaged two houses. I am 1987-born, and I have never seen shells landing here," Mohammad Ibrahim said. "Shells landing in places like our village is a new escalation," he said.

Mohammad Ibrahim belongs to Reddi village. His brother-in-law was injured in the shelling, and has been admitted to hospital in Srinagar.

Reddi village is close to Chowkibal, which has a large military facility. Chowkibal is around 25 km from the Kupwara district headquarters. The LoC is about 65 km from Kupwara, via both Tangdhar and the Keran sector.

"A few months ago, shells landed about 10 km from our village. On Thursday, people stayed indoors when the shells landed... Army officers visited the village subsequently and asked us to take precautions for the next few days," said Ghulam Haider Khan,

is considerable panic, he said.

violation as "major". "It was a major ceasefire violation... probably after several decades shells landed in Reddi village. We do advise people living in vulnerable areas and take precautions, but a shell can land anywhere depending on the range..." Kupwara SSP Ambarakar Shriram Dinkar said.

There has been an increase in incidents of cross-border shelling along the LoC in three North Kashmir districts, and a growing demand for underground bunkers in villages close to the LoC. "There is only one underground bunker in our area... Whenever shelling takes place, people come to this place, and in no time it gets filled with people," said Mukhtar Ahmad from Tangdhar town.

In 10 villages visited by *The* Sunday Express along the LoC in Tangdhar this week, panicky villagers were clamouring for bunkers. "I don't remember how many times we have met officials to ask for bunkers... nothing has been done," Abdul Rashid Khokar, Sarpanch of five villages in Teetwal, said.

Deputy Commissioner Anshul Garg said people living in villages along the LoChave approached the government. "We have sent the details to the Home Department," he said. **FULL REPORT ON** 

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their questions were a follow-up to the briefing given to them by Shringla on October 16 about the Sarpanch of Reddi village. There situation in Kashmir. Police officers in Kupwara "As was discussed during the described Thursday's ceasefire meeting, many of our con-

stituents have painted a much different picture of the situation than what you shared with us. They have raised concerns about the repeal of Article 370 of the Indian Constitution, as well as suspended Internet and telecommunications access, arrests of local politicians and activists, and the imposition of a curfew," the Congressmen said

In the letter written two days after a Congressional hearing on the human rights situation in South Asia, the Congressmen asked a set of six specific questions to Shringla. During the briefing, the Ambassador had said that he is available to answer any of

their questions on Kashmir. "Has 100 per cent of landline service been restored inside Jammu and Kashmir, or are there any remaining outages? When will all mobile phone services be restored, including for those who use prepaid mobile phones? When will full Internet access be restored (not just ac-

cess at kiosks)," they asked.

The letter also asked about the number of people detained under the Public Safety Act or other legal provisions since August 5 and asked Shringla to be as specific as possible. They also asked the Indian envoy to lay out the reasons for foreign journalists still not being allowed inside Jammu and Kashmir.

### J&K seeks Rs 2,700 cr for higher education, new scholarships learning for imparting curriculum

**RITIKA CHOPRA** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE JAMMU and Kashmir administration has asked the Centre for Rs 2,700 crore for the development of higher education in the state, with funds sought for vocational training, entrepreneurship development, student exchange programmes, and adding of 2,000 new positions under the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme, among other things.

The proposal, government sources said, was shared with the Human Resource Development Ministry this month after a team from the Union government visited J&K on September 20 and 21.

According to the proposal, about Rs 110 crore has been earmarked for the development of sports infrastructure (cricket stadium, football turf etc.) in colleges. About Rs 4 crore is meant for student exchange. The proposal

**Packages** sought by PMO

**ALL UNION ministries** have been tasked by the Prime Minister's Office to draft special packages for the development of J&K. As part of that, the HRD Ministry is examining the proposal sent by the J&K administration for development of the state of higher education in the

states, "The students enrolled in the colleges of the State Government do not get the exposure to the latest trends in the field of education and are also not acquainted with the methodologies and the techniques adopted in various reputed institutions of

and international programmes on student exchange in the reputed colleges and universities under a Memorandum of Understanding with these Institutions." To promote research and innovation, the proposal seeks 22 research and innovation laboratories to be established at 22 degree colleges. Rs 820 crore has been sought for setting up 30 degree

and skills... Accordingly, a draft stu-

dent exchange policy has been de-

vised which will entail short-list-

ing about 3.000 meritorious

students each year for national

colleges, 20 women's colleges with hostels and 10 professional colleges. Under the head of employment enhancement, the 15page proposal pitches interventions such as employability tests, internships for third- and finalyear students of polytechnics at 10 IITs and GATE coaching for final-year engineering and polytechnic students.

India asks world capitals to act against Pak's 'Kashmir cells'

**SHUBHAJIT ROY** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE "KASHMIR cells" that Pakistan opened in its embassies and high commissions across the world two months ago, have emerged as the latest point of friction between New Delhi and Islamabad.

New Delhi is now reaching out to partner countries to seek action against these "Kashmir cells", whose essential purpose is to drive Pakistan's campaign

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against India. The Ministry of External Affairs has asked Indian diplomats in world capitals to raise the issue of "false propaganda" by Pakistan, sources told The Sunday Express.

India recently asked the United Kingdom to act against Pakistan's mission for inciting the local population against India, as protests are being planned on the occasion of Diwali. Protests outside the Indian High Commission in London in September had turned violent.

"We all are aware that the government of Pakistan has set up Kashmir cells across all their high commissions in the world," Ministry of External Affairs official spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said earlier this week. "The main objective of these cells is to incite the local population with a nationality where they belong to, and to radicalise them through false propaganda," Kumar said.

"We hope that countries where these Kashmir cells have been opened, they do realise that it is very dangerous since such cells openly incite violence and should be closed," he added. "All countries should take appropriate action against such cells operating from their soil."

Pakistan decided to set up the Kashmir cells after India revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 in August. Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mehmood Oureshi had made the announcement after chairing a high-level meeting to discuss the Kashmir situation and to devise a plan of action following a meeting of the UN Security Council, where Pakistan failed to obtain a censure for India.

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## How a Malappuram school on brink of closure is now among most sought after institutions

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#### **SHAJU PHILIP**

MALAPPURAM, OCTOBER 26

WHAT HAPPENS when an IAS officer, management students from a premier institute, and the local community put their heads together to save a government school from certain closure? Result: from less than 200 students in the 2015-16 academic year, the Government Lower Primary School, at Pookkottur in Kerala's Malappuram district, today has 470 students, and boasts of an airconditioned auditorium, amphitheatre, a children's park and a botanical garden, making it the envy of private schools in the

Established in 1918, this lower primary school had been on the decline for over a decade. struggling as children moved out to English-medium, private schools. Like many other government schools, the Pookkottur school too would have been shut down if not for an intervention by the community, led by the Parent-Teacher school's Association (PTA), in the 2015-16 academic year.

PTA president V P Salim says that they felt the need to intervene since most of the children came from poor or middle-class families who would have struggled with the high fees in private schools. "Many of the children are from families of daily wagers. We didn't want them to be deprived of free education. So we worked to ensure that the school

**SHAJU PHILIP** 

OCTOBER 26

district in 2017.

fore they died.

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

A POCSO court in Kerala's

Palakkad has acquitted three peo-

ple in a case pertaining to the rape

of two minor Dalit sisters in the

were found hanging at their home

on different days — in January and

March 2017 — and postmortem

reports confirmed that the two

were subjected to sexual abuse be-

ple, including a minor, as accused

in the case. Apart from facing

charges under POCSO Act, the ac-

cused were also chargesheeted for

quitted three accused for want of ev-

idence. One other accused person

had been acquitted earlier, while the

trial of the accused who is a minor is

and protests from the family of the

victims. The girls' mother said,

"My daughters were denied jus-

tice. Those who killed them are

roaming freely. I had told the court

in detail about what had hap-

of lapses in their probe. "We are

alone and afraid of the accused per-

sons. We do not have the support of

The woman accused the police

pened to my daughters..."

The acquittal triggered anguish

On Friday, the POCSO court ac-

rape and abetting suicide.

going on at a juvenile court.

The prosecution listed five peo-

The sisters, aged 11 and nine,



The Government Lower Primary School, at Pookkottur in Kerala's Malappuram district.

had all facilities at par with that of any top private school. What we focused on most was to bring about an attitudinal change among parents and children."

Once they decided the school wouldn't be allowed to shut down, the PTA and the school authorities approached the government, self-governing bodies and the local MP and MLA for funds, raising Rs 1.75 crore. They also got residents, traders and clubs in the locality to invest in the school infrastructure. As the transformation became visible in the form of new buildings, smart classrooms, a library and restrooms, the local community began enrolling their children in the school.

While the infrastructure went through an overhaul, in 2015-16, the school invited Muhammed Ali Shihab, a 2011 batch IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, for a pep

even family members after we de-

As the family blamed the police

cided to fight for justice," she said.

and the prosecution, Kerala Minister

for Welfare of SC/STs and Backward

Classes A K Balan said the govern-

ment would look into the possibil-

ity of appealing against the court's

verdict. The government would also

look into lapses on part of the po-

year-old girl was found hanging in

her house. Her younger sister, who

was present at home, had seen

two persons, their faces masked,

leaving their hut just before she

found her sister dead, police had

said. They registered a case of un-

natural death, but even as the case

remained unsolved, the younger

sister was found hanging on

cidents and begun a probe. The

postmortem reports of both girls

showed that they were subjected

to unnatural sex. But that the elder

girl was subjected to unnatural sex

was noticed by police only after

leadership came under fire after the

advocate who appeared for the ac-

cused in the case was appointed

chairman of the Palakkad district

Child Welfare Committee. It was al-

leged that appointment of N Rajesh,

a CPI(M) local leader, as the com-

mittee chairman was meant to

"sabotage" the case.

Earlier this year, the local CPI(M)

the death of her younger sister.

The police had linked both in-

March 4.

On January 13, 2017, the 11-

lice, if any, said the minister.

POCSO court acquits three

accused of raping two Dalit

minor sisters in Kerala

talk. Shihab then shared the remarkable story of his journey from an orphanage in Malappuram to the civil services.

"The school was on the verge of closure for want of students and facilities. I was asked to deliver a speech to motivate the parents and children. Since then, I have had a lot of interactions with the local community to motivate them and to drive home the relevance of this school," says Shihab, who later agreed to be brand ambassador for the school.

"Now, every year, I find time to visit the school and interact with parents and children. I also keep in touch with the teachers and the PTA, giving them inputs on how to turn the school into a better space for children," he

In 2017-18, as part of their social development programme.

management students from IIM-Kozhikode worked with students of the school to improve their communication skills. They also held classes for parents on 'effective parenting'.

With the school now among the most sought after in the region, headmistress V N Ambika says a major factor behind the turnaround was the change in attitude of the local community. "The PTA and the school made parents and other stakeholders believe that it is their school," she

Autorickshaw driver Askar K, whose two children go to this primary school, says, "The other day, my children spoke about wanting to be IAS officers, they spoke about an academy in Mussoorie and horse riding there. It's quite possible that they may not get there. But at least they want to do something in life."

**AMIT SHAH IN GUJARAT** 

## 'Anyone from Pak entered under mauni Manmohan'

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** AHMEDABAD, OCTOBER 26

**CALLING FORMER Prime Minister** Manmohan Singh "mauni (silent) baba Manmohan", Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday said that any "aaliya, maliya, jamaliya (any Tom, Dick and Harry)" from Pakistan could enter India during Singh's tenure.

But when Narendra Modi took over as the Prime Minister, "...there were attacks on Uri, Pulwama, and within 10 days Narendrabhai ordered our soldiers to enter Pakistan and eliminate the terrorists by entering their homes..."

Speaking at an event to inaugurate multiple projects in Ahmedabad, amounting Rs 800 crore, Shah said, "Congress nu shashan hatu, mauni baba Manmohan vadapradhan hatha, Pakistan thi aaliya, maliya jamaliya ghusi jata. Sena nu jawan na maatha kaapi deta ane apmanit karta... (when silent baba Manmohan was the PM, anyone would enter from Pakistan, attack our soldiers and decapitate them and humiliate us....)"

Shah on Saturday laid the foundation stone for and inaugurated several projects helmed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and the Ahmedabad

Development Authority. Several municipal corporations in

Home Minister Amit Shah with Guiarat Chief Minister Vijav Rupani in Ahmedabad on Saturday. Javed Raja

Gujarat, including the AMC, are due for elections next year.

Shah took on the Opposition not only on lack of delivery of welfare schemes but also other aspects such as foreign policy, on the legacy of Sardar Patel and abrogation of special status to I&K under Article 370.

"Sardar Patel, who integrated 629 kings and princes to make India one place, was missed in Kashmir.... In five-six years, Narendrabhai removed (Article) 370 and 35A to complete India. With this, the road to development in Kashmir has opened.... I want to tell Congress leaders that (since the Centre's decision on J&K on August 5) not a single bullet has been fired, not a single death has occurred in Kashmir."

"Since 2014, Narendrabhai has been working on building respect for our country the world

over. He goes to America, China, Russia, Australia, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh... wherever he goes, he is welcomed with chants of 'Modi Modi'. This makes the Congress jealous. I want to tell my friends (in Congress) that the welcome is not for Modi, it is not for the BJP's symbol; this welcome is for the

He also said, "When we spoke of making toilets, Congress leaders mocked us, saying we are working on developing toilets in the 21st century. I am proud that Narendrabhai provided 10 crore poor families with toilets."

prosperity of 125 crore Indians..."

Chit fund scam: **CBI** wants to question 2 IPS officers, 7 others

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** KOLKATA, OCTOBER 26

THE CBI wants to question nine police officers, including two IPS officers, in the Rose Valley chit fund case. As per sources, a letter has been written to the state police Director General of Police Virendra in this connection.

According to sources, the agency has summoned the two IPS officers as witnesses and wanted them to share some inputs related to the initial investigation of the Rose Valley scam. They have been asked to appear after November 4.

Last week, the probe agency had asked the state government to submit all files related to the scam seeking details about land dealings, which took place between the state and the Rose Valley group. As per sources, the probe agency had also asked the state government to provide details about the nature of dealings with the ponzi company and also about the location of the lands.

Thousands of people were duped on promises of high returns. The Rose Valley had collected more than Rs 10,000 crore from the public through illegal schemes.

Meanwhile, the CBI, which is also probing the Narada sting is likely to file a chargesheet against IPS officer SMH Mirza in the Narada case. Earlier, CBI had arrested Mirza in connection with the probe.

### Elevator rope snaps at building under construction, two killed

*Pune*: Two labourers died after the rope attached to an elevator they were riding in snapped at an under-construction site on Saturday morning. The two were coming down in a makeshift elevator

along with some construction material. But when the elevator was at the 14th floor, the rope attached to it snapped. The two men fell to the ground and died on the spot, said police. **ENS** 



STATE BANK OF INDIA, Stressed Assets Management Branch-II, 11th Floor, Jawahar Vyapar Bhawan, STC Building, 1 - Tolstoy Marg. Janpath, New Delhi -110001, E-mail id : sbi.50950@sbi.co.in

Possession Notice [Under Rule 8(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002] Vhereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the State Bank of India under Secuntization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security nterest Act, 2002 (No.3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) ead with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand otice dated 13.02.2019, calling upon the borrower, M/s Gopish Pharma Limited, H-1455, Sector-H, DSIIDC, Narela Industrial Complex, Delhi - 110040 and the following Directors / Guarantors : M/s Gopish Pharma Limited, H-1455, Sector - H. DSIIDC. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi – 110040 and At. Ropar Road, Near Dherowal Barrier, Village: Behrampur, Tehsil Nalagarh, Distt. Solan Himachal Pradesh - 174101, 1. Shri Ratish Goyal S/o Shri Ravi Prakash Goyal (Director & Guarantor) A- 96, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, and Also at : I-50, 1-Block, Ashok Vihar, Delhi – 110052, 2. Shri Ravi Prakash Goyal S/o Shri Hari Dev Goyal, (Guarantor), A-96, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 and Also at: I-50, I-Block, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052, 3. Smt. Santosh Goyal W/O Shri Ravi Prakash Goyal, I-50, I- Block, Ashok Vihar, Delhi-110052 and also at A-96, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 (herein after the borrower and guarantors are collectively referred to as "the Borrowers") to repay the amount mentioned the notice being Rs. 11,48,34,435.73 (Rupees Eleven Crore Forty Eight Lac Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five and Paisa Seventy Three Only) as on 30.03.2017 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice and future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, costs,

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has Symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this he 24th day of October 2019.

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of Rs. 11,48,34,435.73 (Rs Eleven Crore Forty Eight Lac Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Five and Palsa Seventy Three Only) as on 30.03.2017 and future interest at the contractual rate on the aforesaid amount ogether with incidental expenses, costs, charges, etc.

The borrower's attention is invited to the recently amended provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, where under you can tender the entire amount of outstanding dues together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank only till the date of publication of the notice for sale of the secured asset(s) by public auction, by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty. Please also note that if the entire amount of outstanding dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank is not tendered before publication of notice for sale of the secured assets by public auction. by inviting quotations, tender from public or by private treaty, you may not be entitled to

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY(S).

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of Tata Steel Limited (the 'Company') will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, inter alia, to consider and take on record the audited Standalone and unaudited Consolidated financial results of the Company for the quarter and half year ended September 30, 2019.

The financial results will be made available on the website of the Company at www.tatasteel.com as well as on the website of the National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.nseindia.com and BSE Limited at www.bseindia.com.

Tata Steel Limited

October 25, 2019 Mumbai

Parvatheesam Kanchinadham Company Secretary & Chief Legal Officer (Corporate & Compliance)

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The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act, read with rule 8 of the said rule.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Indian Overseas Bank for the amount mentioned against their names and interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower/Mortgagor/Guarantor:-Shri Indrajeet Kumar (Borrower) S/o-Shri Rambol Singh, Village-Kasimpur, Ward No.04 State-Bihar-851204 and Sri Rambol Singh (Guarantor) S/o- Late Adhiklal Singh, Village-Kasimpur, Ward No.04, State-Bihar-851204, Date of Demand Notice:-06.07.2018, Date of Possession:-21.10.2019 Outstanding amount as per demand notice:- ₹1338892.82 as on 31.05.2018 with further interest, charges etc till date of realisation, The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is ₹1094190.00 payable with further interest at contractual rates & rests, charges etc till date of payment, Description of the Immovable Property:-All that part and parcel of the property at Kashimpur, Near Madhya Vidyalay PO-Ahok, Khata No.27, Khesara No.631, Thana No.256, Tauzi No.534 Pargana-Farkiya, Mauza-Kashimpur, Sale Deed No.5511, District-Khagaria, Area-one kattha eleven dhur six dhurki fifteen furki equal to seven decimal in the name of Shri Rambol Singh. Boundary: North Road, South: Vendor Kapildev Singh and others, East: Rambalak Singh West: Kapildev Singh. As per deed of exchange at present boundary

Devi and others. Date : 21.10.2019 Place: Khagaria

follows: North: Gayanand Singh (Own brother of applicant loanee) South: Ram Balak Singh, East: Five Feet Private Road, West:Aruna **Authorised Officer** Indian Overseas Bank

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## Sky to clear up as Cyclone Kyarr moves away from Maharashtra

PUTTING AN end to apprehensions about a rainy Diwali in Maharashtra, Cyclone Kyarr, which had formed close to south Konkan over the Arabian Sea, has moved away. **ANJALI MARAR** explains how the cyclone was formed and the likely path it is going to follow in the coming days.

#### ■ Where was Cyclone Kyarr formed?

The cyclone formed over the Arabian Sea on Friday. It fell under the Very Severe Cyclonic Storm category, with wind speed going up to 170-180 km/hour. This system was brewing at a location about 200 km off Ratnagiri on Maharashtra coast over the past few days. As it intensified, the cyclone caused heavy rain, mainly over south Konkan and Goa, over the last three days.

#### ■ Which areas did Cyclone **Kyarr affect?**

It was a wet Saturday morning over Sindhudurg and Ratnagiri districts of Maharashtra and adjacent Goa. Gusty winds threw normal life out of gear and coastal regions were inundated, following very heavy rain since Friday night.

#### ■ Where is Cyclone Kyaar likely to make a landfall?

The IMD has predicted that the cyclone will traverse along the westnorthwest direction over the Arabian Sea. It is expected to make landfall over Oman by October 31.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL PUBLIC are hereby notified that, my clients M/s. K.B.L & Sons, Bengaluru have entered into an Agreement For Sale on 18.10.2019 agreeing to purchase the schedule properties from M/s. Army Welfare Housing Organization (AWHO), New **Delhi-110011** for consideration and have proposed for execution of Sale Deed shortly. The undersigned is preparing the Due Diligence Report of the schedule properties.

If any person/s asserting/claiming any interest whatsoever over the schedule properties and/or any portion thereof and or opposing the sale of the schedule properties to my clients, may tender their objections with supporting documents to the undersigned WITHIN FIFTEEN DAYS from the date of this publication for consideration. Any objections received thereafter will not be considered and my clients will proceed to complete the sale transaction as if there are no objections from any quarters and/or waived.

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# 10 IDEA EXCHANGE NEWSMAKERS IN THE NEWSROOM

(On Article 15) some Dalits asked me why an upper caste had to fight for lower castes? So are you telling me I should not stand up for you? I am not out to change society. I wanted people to talk and they are"

SHALINI LANGER: You have directed two of the most talked about films recently — *Mulk* and *Article 15*. Both projects were a big departure from your previous work, especially Mulk. What prompted you to make the film?

There are two answers to this. Between the Bollywood recipe films that I had been making, I always had this one story which I wanted to tell. But I couldn't find stars, commercial viability... So I pulled back. I don't blame others, I allowed it to happen. Until then I had had several flops in a row.

Was it the timing?

The other part of the story is that when I started directing, I did a show called Shikast. It was Manoj Bajpayee's first show. It got me a lot of acclaim. Then I did Sea Hawks for DD Metro. It had glamour. Later, I went on to do over a hundred music videos. So there was all this drifting happening towards a bigger world. I was a boy from Benaras, my father was a government servant, so there was an attraction towards that glamour. And, fortunately or unfortunately, all these projects were successful. My first film Tum Bin (2001) was also successful. It was noticed by a lot of star wives. They told their husbands to watch it. So they did, and they also heard good things about the film. Then, whenever a project was being directed by Anubhav Sinha, they (the stars) were okay to work in it. All this while, the guy who made

Shikast was still alive. After Ra.One, Cash, *Tum Bin 2* did not work, I almost lost my confidence as a director. I had started asking friends if I was a director at all. It's okay to make a bad film which is a hit, or a good film which is a flop, but I was making neither. I thought maybe I was just a producer. But then the films I produced — *Gulaab Gang, Warning, Zidd* — didn't work either. I am talking about 2013-14. At the time, I also suspected that the society was drifting towards the Right, which I was not in agreement with. I had a lot of energy against it. Around the same time, an incident happened in Kanpur, where a Muslim father refused to accept his son's body because he was a terrorist. That triggered something in me and I wrote the story (of *Mulk*).

#### SHALINI LANGER: How difficult was it to put *Mulk* together?

Impossible. I got the actors eventually. Taapsee (Pannu, actor) knew of the story from day one. I desperately wanted Chintuji (Rishi Kapoor). I met him, he loved the script. He said, 'Okay I'll do it, but there's no hero.' I said, 'Sir, you're the hero, the script's the hero.' So then I had the actors but no money... Then, Deepak Mukut came in. He had a vague idea about the story. He believed in me and said, 'Do it.' He gave me the money and we shot the film.

After seeing Mulk, Anurag Kashyap messaged me, saying, 'Ab aaya na Shikast wala Anubhav waapas (The Anubhav of Shikast has returned)." From that point onwards, for friends such as Anurag and Manoj Bajpayee, I became me again.

#### SHALINI LANGER: You are an engineer by training. What explains so many engineers drifting into creative professions?

That's a social problem, not anymore though. In 1981, when I passed out of Class 12, you could either become a doctor or an engineer. If you did not take up Science in Class 12, you were not considered a good student. The Arts were a no-no. I wanted to be a good student, a good son to my father... I was very scared of blood, so I couldn't become a doctor... hence I became an engineer. After becoming an engineer, I worked for a year in Faridabad. I was so bored. I used to live in a one-room apartment, and every night I would come back to a frog in my bathroom. I was getting Rs 2,200 a month... I hated it, and so I thought maybe I want to travel. So I changed my job and became a marketing engineer. Then again I was selling the same thing to different people who behaved in the same manner.

Then, one day, I just quit my job. It was 1989, I was 24. I did not know what I wanted to do with my life. I had this actor friend, Viren Saxena, who had moved to Bombay but would come to Delhi often. With him I started going to Mandi House, and met Manoj (Bajpayee) and Ashish (Vidyarthi). But I knew I was not an actor. Then, a friend's elder brother asked me to assist him on a documentary he was making. The second day of the shoot I knew I wanted to make films. Then I picked up my bag and went to Bombay. I thought if I had to play cricket, I had to play it at the Oval.

SHALINI LANGER: Your film Mulk had powerful women characters. However, in *Article 15*. Avushmann Khurrana's girlfriend seemed to exist just to add glamour to the film. Do you think the

film needed that character? She was his window to the world that WHY ANUBHAV SINHA

With his recent films such as Mulk (2018) and Article 15 (2019), Anubhav Sinha, once known for star-vehicles such as Dus and Ra.One, broke away from the Bollywood blockbuster mould, creating narratives resonating with the times. An engineer from Aligarh Muslim University who grew up in Benaras, Sinha directed music videos

and television shows such as the acclaimed Shikast, before making a foray into feature films in 2001 with Tum Bin — a sleeper hit that he says was noticed by "star wives". He went on to produce and direct many other projects. Apart from his films, his sharp repartee on social media also keeps him in the news.



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## 'Bollywood has power and access to people's hearts... I don't like it when they don't respond to a social tragedy'

Filmmaker Anubhav Sinha talks about the shift he made in his filmmaking with projects such as *Mulk* and *Article 15*, reflects on Bollywood's struggle with stereotyping, and admits he sprinkles some "cheese" to make his films palatable to a wider audience



Filmmaker Anubhav Sinha with National Editor Shalini Langer in The Indian Express newsroom. Gajendra Yadav

he came from. I am surprised that people noticed her and talked about her. Just before we went to shoot, there was a discussion over whether we needed the character. I strongly felt we did. So I said I will shoot the whole thing, and then we will see. If we don't need her, we'll reduce her portions or take her out completely. The actress knew about it. But we ended up keeping every frame that we shot with her.

#### **UNNI RAJEN SHANKER: When you** made Article 15, did you have apprehensions about whether it will be accepted in commercial circles? Did you fear that the film was not in a language that the audience usually prefers? Also, how different was the response in cities from small towns?

I was hoping the audiences would accept it. I call it cheese — a small amount of which I have sprinkled over the whole narrative. There was a lot of difference of opinion while we were making the film. The biggest dose of cheese is when the hero walks back with the girl in his arms... It should not have been there. But that is a new recipe that I am trying to create. I am trying it out in my new film *Thappad* as well... I was sure that I did not want this film to be seen just by these people (pointing to the room), because what's the point in making the film then? I also did not want to go too far into the Bollywood recipe, where the film loses its essence. But I still had to sprinkle some cheese for the crowd to come to the theatres. I was doing it very instinctively and, at the same time, I was hoping that there isn't an overdose. I did not want to put you off either (addressing the room). It was a tightrope walk... and thankfully, the film reached the audience.

#### P VAIDYANATHAN IYER: What triggered your shift from films such as Ra.One to Mulk and Article 15?

It was a question that had been bothering me for several years. I was this social, political man making films which had nothing of me. That bothered me a lot. As a filmmaker, if your personality is not reflected in your movies, then what are you doing, why are you making films?... I cannot pinpoint any one trigger, but it kept bothering me that I was not the same person. It was not a happy place.

SHALINI LANGER: Bollywood is often attacked for not speaking out on issues that could be considered political or become controversial. You have defended them and pointed out that cricketers, for instance, are not expected to take a stand. After you made Mulk, did anyone from

#### Bollywood reach out to you?

Bollywood is a low-hanging fruit. Anybody can make headlines talking about Bollywood. You know, 'Why don't we have a Sean Penn or a Meryl Streep in Bollywood?'... But the question is not that simple and neither is the answer. I often get a firing from my sisters and my family for my tweets. I say, 'What the hell?'. I am criticising my government, I have the right to do that. But, that's who I am. While I defend them (Bollywood), I also don't agree with them... You are in a position of power, you have access to people's hearts. Gandhi was a barrister, he didn't have to do what he did, he was not a leader, but he decided to do it (join the freedom struggle). So somebody has got to decide to do it. It could be from Bollywood, it could be from cricket, I don't know. It's a very individual choice. But yes, it's very disheartening too... I don't like it when I don't see a response from them on a social tragedy, as if it didn't happen. It's heart-breaking, I don't like it. But that's a personal thing.

#### TANUSHREE GHOSH: A lot of people have an issue with the hero of *Article 15* being from an upper caste. Do you think the film worked because it was an upper-caste man looking inwards?

Yesterday I was going to ask Mr (Amitabh) Bachchan on Twitter, what caste was Vijay Dinanath Chauhan (Agneepath)? What caste was he, does anyone know?... These are hypothetical questions, I don't know. This is the story I wrote, this is the film I made. If you think there should be a Dalit hero, you can write that film. The film released on June 28, and we are still talking about in October. It must have done something, no? I was at some panel at a festival, and a big group of Dalits were very upset, very angry... They said why does an

upper-caste man have to fight for a lowercaste man? So I said maybe you are telling me that I should not stand up for you. Should I not?... I am not out to change society. I wanted people to talk about the issue and they are, which is fantastic.

#### SOMYA LAKHANI: Last year, in the Hindi film industry, a lot of men were accused of sexual harassment and misconduct. How have your film sets

changed since? I'm hiring more women... Men like us are concerned. I was asking myself whether I may have done anything wrong. My son, who is 18, asked me, 'I hope your name is not going to come up.' I said, 'I may have flirted with a girl on WhatsApp, but nothing physical. I haven't used my position for such things'. People like us are going through a kind of reorientation... A lot of times you do something inadvertantly. A long time ago, if someone did a good job, even a girl, I would pat them on their back. I didn't realise that my hand was very heavy. One day I patted my art director on the back, and she started crying, because I had hurt her. It wasn't sexual but I hurt her. I apologised and, ever since, I have stopped doing that... My only complicity was that if I saw something wrong, something going on between two people, I would leave it to them. That is the mistake that I was making as an individual. But now, if I see something wrong going on, I ask her, 'Are you okay?'. If she needs help, I will help her.

#### SOMYA LAKHANI: But are you also conscious about the people you work with, who might have been accused?

First of all, I regret that #MeToo never became a movement, it just remained a campaign, and a lot of women were responsible for it too. No solution came out

"If you go by the Cinematograph Act, 90 per cent of films can't be released. Pahlajji adhered to it, blind to society. Prasoon looks at it more liberally, clears Mulk, Article 15. Parliament should work on the Act

of it. There was this friend of mine who was accused but I know of him as this gentleman. I asked him once, 'Did you do it?' I spoke to him at length and I didn't find him at fault. But suddenly there was this dark cloud over his head. I didn't know what to do. I was very confused. There was no court case. Who will absolve them or punish them? Is one accusation enough for him to be sidelined from the business? Then I created my own court. I decided I would judge and I would punish. Like there is somebody who I have punished — I will not work with him for one year. After that if he is still the same, I will never work with him again. I don't know how else to deal with it because there are no real answers that came out of it (#MeToo). At some point women also gave it up, I don't know why. It should have

been pursued.... It is also very multi-layered. It is not a simple thing that can be solved on Twitter. Sometimes you make mistakes. How grave is that mistake, pardonable or not, are you repenting or not? There are various layers to it. It is not as black and white as, 'He once sent me a message saying will you sleep with me'. Does it solve everything? No it doesn't. There has to be a larger discussion, which we did not have unfortunately. It's because we shy away from the big names.

#### SHINY VARGHESE: How much of Benaras and Aligarh, where you studied, are reflected in your films?

Everything about me comes from these two cities. The music, the milieu, comes from Benaras. The food, the language comes from Aligarh. I grew up in Benaras until I was 17. The language spoken at the paan shops there... No one from outside will understand it. At home, my parents were listening to Begum Akhtar and Mehdi Hassan... My English was good, grammatically, but my spoken English wasn't so good. It's because in Benaras there is a way you speak English. So the language also (in my films) comes from there.

#### MIMANSA SHEKHAR: Can you tell us

about your new film *Thappad?* If I have made it well, it is a very important film. It's about marriage, man-woman (relationship), things that we are not doing right. There are eight women in the film. I find all the women in my life in that film, including my mother, sisters, cousins. It is the most difficult film I have made in my entire career. It is an internal, personal film.

VANDITA MISHRA: How would you categorise the Hindi film industry now? Some people would say that it has opened up to newer subjects, while others view it with greater scepticism

#### and say that even breaking the formula is becoming formulaic.

I think what is happening now is not something new. We have had successful films such as Aakrosh earlier. These filmmakers have always existed. The audience has changed and they have more opportunities to watch such films. I should not discredit but... a little more is happening but, yes, it is becoming formulaic. Anything which becomes formulaic will fail. That is why I am not choosing my films based on what is working. I am choosing my films based on what is exciting me.

#### **SHALINI LANGER: Which filmmakers** do you find exciting now?

Alot of them. Vishal (Bhardwaj), Anurag (Kashyap), Tigmanshu (Dhulia), Sudhir Mishra, Sriram (Raghavan), Subhash (Kapoor)... In the South, there are more.

#### P VAIDYANATHAN IYER: How concerned are you about stereotyping people and communities in your films? Like a butcher would always be a Muslim, a Sardar is made fun of...

Stereotyping has existed in Bollywood... We are struggling with it... It's because it is ingrained in our DNA. I met Diljit Dosanjh I am a huge fan of his, and told him I will work with you when I have a story, where I don't need a Sardar.

#### SOMYA LAKHANI: What was the discussion like with the Censor Board over Article 15?

For Article 15, the executive committee members had not reached a consensus. One of them thought the film should be banned. It was referred to the revising committee which suggested three changes. accepted them and got a U/A certificate. For Mulk, I had a 90-minute meeting with the examining committee. It normally doesn't take more than five minutes. The moment I walked in, I could see appreciation in their eyes and I knew I was playing on a good wicket. Then the head of the committee told me that it's a very good film but we have issues, so you need to help us. They were very reasonable. I have stood up against the Censor Board too many times, but they have been kind to me.

If you go by the Cinematograph Act, 1952, 90 per cent of the films can't be released. Pahlajji (Nihalani, former Chairman of the Census Board) comes in, and adheres to it completely, absolutely blind to the society he lives in. Then Prasoon (Joshi, current Chairman) looks at it more liberally. He clears films such as Mulk and Article 15 without any damage to the narrative. Some day Parliament should find enough time to work on the Cinematograph Act.

# SUNDAY STORY



BCCI president Sourav Ganguly during a felicitation organised by Cricket Association of Bengal. "Dadagiri is back in Indian cricket," read the screen behind him. Partha Paul

BOUT 12 years ago, on a chaotic Test match morning at Cape Town, after a brave prelunch Sourav Ganguly batting sortie, India opener Virender Sehwag had made a grand announcement in the Newlands dressing room: "Dada will one day become the BCCI president and also the Chief Minister of Bengal". Some hyperbole, uttered to acknowledge intoxicating sporting valour, do come true.

Cut to October 23, 2019. Ganguly is set to hold his first press conference as president of the recalibrated Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) in Mumbai. It's Indian cricket's watershed moment. For the cricketers, forever at the mercy of administrators, this had marked the arrival of "apna time".

At his home in Delhi, Sehwag chuckles as he recalls his prediction and Dada's sparkling derring-do under the shadow of the imposing Table Mountain that day. "Ek bhavishya vani sach ho gayi, ek aur baaki hai (one of my predictions has come true, the other is left)."

He then revisits what he calls the "hadbad, gadbad" period of play from the final Test of the 2007 South Africa tour, during the tumultuous Greg Chappell era. At 6/2, Sachin Tendulkar, the team's No.4, had been stopped at the boundary rope by the umpires. He hadn't fielded enough, so he needed to sit out longer. Another of cricket's archaic rule had spread panic in the Indian camp. Chappell would ask an unprepared Ganguly, lazing as he was to bat at No. 6, to quickly pad up. The hungry pride of pedigreed South African pacers — Dale Steyn, Shaun Pollock and Makhaya Ntini — waited for him on the greenish pitch. A Ganguly meltdown, a batting collapse, an early end

to the Test... that familiar sequence was waiting to unfold.

At 35, after getting dropped a year ago, this was the former captain's comeback tour. National outrage, Parliament debates and Chappell's effigy burning on the streets of Kolkata – besides, of course, Ganguly's mountain of runs on the domestic circuit — were responsible for his return to the national team. Now, he was despe-

rate for runs. His team mates had their fingers crossed, and his detractor, read Chappell, too was watching. They were all waiting to see if he still had the steel in him.

He didn't score a hundred, or even a fifty. But like the good old times, he took up the challenge and showed pluck. For a couple of hours, he stuck around to score 46, and made an important point.

He proved he still had it in him, that he was still Dada. "The way he handled the pressure and tension that day, only he can. This showed he can take any responsibility given to him. You can ask anyone who was in the dressing room that day, they all agreed when I said Dada is the future BCCI president and Bengal CM. No one in that Indian team had that quality," says Sehwag.

The Class of 2007 had Sachin Tendulkar, Rahul Dravid and Anil Kumble, all inspirational leaders but also men whose priorities and post-retirement plans were different from their one-time captain — the highly am-

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bitious, natural born leader from Kolkata.

A BCCI old hand, a regular Team India support staff who has been on long tours with the fabled Fab Four, says he isn't surprised by the career choices of these stalwarts. "You knew Dravid would always remain a true professional cricketer, he continues to be that, working with junior cricketers. Kumble is part Dravid, part Ganguly. He doesn't want to be 100 per cent Dravid but he wants to be a coach, an administrator, plus a businessman. Tendulkar, meanwhile, was the No.1 celebrity cricketer and he continues to be that. He tweets, wishes people on birthdays, interacts with fans. Ganguly is different from them all," he says, slotting Indian cricket's most powerful man.

It's easy to understand why Ganguly always walks to the top of table, regardless of which room he enters. When your parents call you "Maharaj" at home, you are the youngest of a joint family with old money, you are blessed with sublime batting timing, you get lucky breaks and you grow up in a sports-mad city bereft of a cricketing icon, you can't have the DNA of a worker bee or be happy being one of the minions.

For Tendulkar and Dravid, captaincy seemed like a load on their head. On Ganguly, leadership sat softly. Wearing the captain's band wasn't a life-changing event, all he needed to do was be himself, the scion from the famous red-brick haveli in South Kolkata's Behala.

It would be too simplistic, or patronising, to say that Ganguly's captaincy record guarantees him success as BCCI president. Indian cricket's one-time poster boy had a messy end to his reign, and it was clear to most that

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the blame didn't entirely rest with Chappell. "With time, as his place in the side started getting doubtful, Ganguly started putting himself ahead of the team. Players are very clever, they can easily see through this. So his image as team man took a hit," says an official who had been a regular fly on the wall in the Indian dressing room.

As BCCI chief, Ganguly now finds himself on Level 2 of cricket's house of intrigue that would require

enhanced skill sets to survive. With too many office-bearers with political connection — Amit Shah's son Jay Shah, Anurag Thakur's brother Arun Singh Dhumal — he is unlikely to have unquestionable control on the board.

It's a tight rope but Ganguly knows how to get the balance right. It's vesterday again for Indian cricket. When he was named captain, in the days following the 2000 matchfixing scandal, he was seen as the saviour who would win back the trust of the fans. Now as BCCI president, he is expected to clear the mess left behind by the IPL spot-fixing saga. Can Dada deliver again?

"Of course, he can," feels Sehwag. They go back a long way, since the time the bighitting Najafgarh boy made his ODI debut in 1999. Ganguly wasn't the captain then. Ganguly's leadership approach, he says, is about personal rapport, communication and, most importantly, being one of the boys.

"He doesn't flaunt his captaincy. Tum yeh karo, yeh mat karo (Do this, don't do that).

### A new innings for Indian cricket

THE COINCIDENCE of former India captain Sourav Ganguly becoming the first president of the all-new **BCCI** and another Test EXPLAINED player, Brijesh Patel, heading the IPL marks a new phase for Indian cricket. In its final order on reforms in the BCCI, the Supreme Court had insisted on cricketers getting a say in the running of the game. In order to ensure this, the court included two retired cricketers in the ninemember apex body, the all-powerful

group that would have a final say in all cricketing matters. With the court ensuring the autonomy of the selection committee and the cricket advisory committee, office-bearers will no longer have any say in the functioning of these two key decision-making bodies. This is a departure from the past when even the selection committee

meeting was convened by the BCCI secretary and the final list needed the approval of the president.

Before he was captain, I would go to his room, chat and have dinner. It was same even when he became captain. Tell me, which captain takes a rank junior out for dinner and talks to him? It's a rare quality," he says.

During Indian cricket's Ganguly period, the team had an open-door policy, with the captain's room becoming an adda for players and mostly vernacular journalists from Kolkata in the evening. "You could argue with him, joke with him, tell him anything that came to your mind. Even today, when we do commentary together, I joke with him,"

he says. But when needed, Ganguly played the tough skipper and gave those old fashioned "cold, blunt" team talks.

Ratnakar Shetty, a long-time BCCI insider and manager during India's 2004 historic tour of Pakistan, recalls one such riveting speech, during the break in the final ODI at Lahore with the series tied 2-2.

Before that famous friendship tour, Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had met the team at his home in Delhi, and presented the captain a bat that had a message: "Khel bhi *jeeto, dil bhi* (Win the match, and hearts too)". It was to become an over-riding theme of the intense series.

"It was a tight game, a lot was at stake. Ganguly wanted the team to not concede anything. During the dinner-time speech, he said that one line that still makes me smile. He said: 'Yeh decider hai, woh dil jeetna hai thik hai, pehle khel jeetna hai (We have to win hearts, but first we must win the match)'," recalls Shetty. For the record, the *khel* was won easily. As for *dil*, almost every Pakistan player treats the man with respect, often referring to him as India's first-ever aggressive captain.

One of them is Shoaib Akhtar, who can't forget how Ganguly overruled the Kolkata Knight Riders coach John Buchanan and backed him before an IPL Season 1 game. "Sourav wanted me to play but the coach said I was unfit. Sourav bola, 'arre bhai yeh toh paida hi unfit hua hai, yeh toh khelega hi (he was born a little unfit, but of course he will play)'. He had something in common with Imran – he could pick a talented player and back them," he says.

A trait of his that will come in handy in the BCCI is his habit of taking everyone's opinion — as captain, he made the seniors his sounding-boards while decided the playing XI. But he is also known to finally do as he pleases. "He would take six to seven views, either follow one view or come up with his own decision," says Sehwag.

A support staff talks about the games when Ganguly would walk out for the toss,

seemingly convinced of a consensus team decision, but on the way to the pitch, he would change the playing XI or the decision to bat or bowl. "Take, for instance, the 2003 World Cup league game against Australia. Everything was decided but he did exactly the opposite and India went on to lose the game," he says.

Taking setbacks in his stride is another trait that he will need in his second innings. Hours after India's heart-breaking loss to Australia in the 2003 World Cup final, Ganguly sat in his hotel room with his 'politburo' — the collective noun bestowed on Kolkata reporters who shadowed him from dawn to dusk. Ganguly was crestfallen. Few words were spoken. The silence was broken

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by a few sniffs that would turn to sobs. Two reporters had their faces buried in their hands. Dada let out a smile, texted a non-crier sitting across him, telling him to ask the others to stop the drama.

Former opener and Kolkata resident Arun Lal, marvels at Ganguly's capacity to take pressure. "I don't know what support system he has... It is just himself, he is a pillar of strength from inside. That's something everybody underestimates," he says.

Team India's longest serving masseur Mane Kaka too says he has never seen a downcast Ganguly. "Woh toh rasagulla jaise hain (He is like Rasgulla), so sweet to everyone, always courteous, always caring about you and asking about your family member," he says.

Every call to Kolkata adds a spoonful of sugar to the Ganguly story, reducing it to hagiography. To balance the taste, a dash of bitterness, straight from Australia.

In his book *Fierce Focus*, Chappell, the headstrong Aussie coach whose term came to be defined by the acrimony between him and Ganguly, writes, "Sourav was full of selfdoubt and caught up with his own struggle for survival... he was consumed by what he saw as the threats around him." Blaming the Indian ecosystem for the inadequacies that crop up in most cricketers, Chappell wrote, "His problem was common in India, where the cultural upbringing of such

young stars had it that parents, teachers, coaches and other mentors, managers and even sponsors, would make their decisions for them... Test cricket is a brutal place where you are naked in the spotlight and nobody but yourself can fix your problems when they inevitably arise." Chappell's book also hints at how Ganguly was consumed by crony culture. "He didn't want a coach, or an agent of change. He wanted a political ally," he wrote.

Ganguly's counter to Chappell emerged in his book A Century Is Not Enough. "It didn't help that Greg also had preconceived notions about people and my name was on top of the list... I had to constantly fight two battles. One, keep scoring runs. Two, handle the prejudices of the coach. To be honest, I wasn't even aware of these prejudices till I read his book," he wrote.

The Ganguly aura makes it tough for people to give an honest opinion about Indian cricket's most fascinating character. There is this story about a Ganguly book writer speaking to a Dada protégé, who blurted out unending praise for close to half an hour. But when the tape was switched off, the player launched into a rant about how Ganguly, in his last years as captain, was responsible for his stunted career.

So while Ganguly unearthed winners, built teams, and brought Indian cricket back on track, he had his flaws.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, an official says, "He has a great streak of survival and is a very clever person when it comes to self interest. Besides wanting to be a successful cricket administrator, his other ambition is to monetise his celebrityhood." As an af-

> terthought, he asks: "But isn't this human tendency? To be successful, to do well in life, isn't that what most

That's a charitable view of a man who, till the other day, had way too many conflicting interests in cricket — Bengal cricket chief, IPL mentor, TV commentator, news channel pundit and coach selector.

His supporters, however, believe his experience in all these roles will come in handy as he slips into his

new role as BCCI chief. Shetty thinks Ganguly can pull it off. "He has been president of one of BCCI's good associations (Kolkata). After taking over (as BCCI chief), he spoke about talking to Dhoni about his future plans. These are small things, but he is talking from the heart. The other important thing is, Ganguly as face of BCCI will make a difference internationally," he says.

The bigger challenge for Ganguly will be to work within the new reality of Indian cricket, with its codified, court-rewritten constitution. The new rule-book cuts the president's power by 20 per cent, with the apex group out-ranking every individual. In the new order, which works on the system of parliament and the executive, the president is a bit more than a figure-head without the veto power of old.

Ganguly's report card as BCCI chief will be eagerly read. It's a test for the utopian idea of cricketers running cricket. His team mates have their fingers crossed, and his detractors, read the officials who lost the presidential race to him, will be watching too.

It's like Cape Town all over again.



Ganguly with Tendulkar before a match in Chennai in 2008. PTI

#### **GANGULY'S SCORECARD**

**JANUARY 11, 1992:** Makes an underwhelming ODI debut against West Indies in Brisbane, a bouncy surface where he makes three runs and is dropped for "attitude" reasons

**IUNE 20, 1996:** Returns controversially to the Test side and celebrates his Test debut with a hundred at Lord's, follows it up with another in the next Test as well

**FEBRUARY 26, 2000: Gets** captaincy for the five-match ODI series against South Africa after Sachin Tendulkar resigns post a 2-0 drubbing in the Tests

**APRIL 16, 2004:** Becomes the first India captain to win a Test series in Pakistan, shortly after his side had held Australia 1-1 Down Under

**NOVEMBER 22, 2005:** The Ganguly-Greg Chappell saga blows up and the former is stripped of captaincy before the home series

FEBRUARY 5, 2006: Is dropped from the Test side that was to play England at home

against Sri Lanka

**DECEMBER 1, 2006:** Returns to the Test side for the tour to South Africa and reinforces his value with a defiant, unbeaten 51, which helps India win first Test in South Africa

**OCTOBER 7, 2008:** After a couple of relatively prosperous seasons, during which he registered his highest score and maiden double hundred, he retires

**OCTOBER 15, 2015:** Ganguly becomes CAB president after Jagmohan Dalmiya's death. He had been part of the working committee for three years before taking over as joint secretary in 2014. Gets re-elected in 2019

OCTOBER 23, 2019: Ganguly elected unopposed as BCCI president







(Clockwise from left) Children on their way to school in Jagargunda; villagers queue up for ration. Most people depend on subsistence farming and the ration provided by the government; Jagargunda houses one of the biggest Salwa Judum camps in Bastar. Over 1,700 people — more than half of Jagargunda's population — live in the camp

'We thought that instead of building new structures, it would be better if the buildings could be moulded back into shape. We were able to complete the work two months ago. We then had meetings with other stakeholders such as teachers and hostel wardens who were living in Dornapal... Initially, they were not willing to go back to Jagargunda, but we told them that this is for the future of students. Education is ideology-neutral. Nobody will oppose a school"



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**SUKMA IN NUMBERS** 

## Jagargunda goes to school

Twelve years after the battle between Maoists and the Salwa Judum cleaved through Jagargunda, turning its schools into empty shells, the administration has begun a slow rebuilding effort. DIPANKAR GHOSE travels to the village deep inside Chhattisgarh's Sukma district and finds the first signs of resurgence — the children are back in school and so is the "raunak"

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e books they carry in their from the district headquarters of Sukma, is hands are worn-out, the binding a little loose, the a village of 2,500, with 1,700 of them housed in a pages dog-eared. Every day, for the past two months, they walk through the narrow, dusty lanes of their village, through wild, untamed vege-Salwa Judum camp, the biggest of the seven camps tation. They walk past structures that once held a hospital, a school, a government n the district. In the years building but whose walls now mossy and amp, hold up the open sky. They walk till primary school with 30 Jagargunda are back in school.

Over a decade after Jagargunda, a village deep inside south Sukma, was ravaged in the fight between Maoists and the state backed vigilante group, the Salwa Judum the district administration has begun a slow rebuilding effort, starting with schools. In September this year, after six months of dif-ficult, often unyielding, conversations between teachers, parents, students and the Sukma district administration, Jagargunda's schools opened its rusty gates to welcome its students. While some of the children were coming to school for the first time, for the others, whose families had fled

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Until March, for 12 long years, all Jagargunda was left with was one primary ter the Dussehra holidays. school, with 30 students and three teachers. Beginning September, that has gone up to 310 registered students and 28 teachers spread across a primary school, a middle school, a senior secondary school and two Dornapal too, but studying in Jagargunda

At the Jagargunda Government Secondary School, Manish Kumar Nag is to catch up before they all head to their epaper indianexpressions. There are not many in class this



lagargunda and neighbouring villages at the A damaged school building in Jagargunda. The village now has a primary, middle, and senior secondary school

week since the school has just reopened af- "When we were in Dornapal,

Manish's family is from Elampalli, eight we could go to Sukma from km from Jagargunda, and until recently, he staved in a hostel in Dornapal, about 58 km from Jagargunda. "I used to like staying in means I am closer home and can see them whenever I want to," he says. Quietly, he

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2,500 people, most conversations slip into

reminiscences of a bygone time, before the violence cleaved the village and the region. The village, that connects to Sukma, Dantewada and Bijapur, was considered a centre for tribal culture and trade, home to one of the biggest tamarind markets in Asia. Migrants from Andhra Pradesh, drawn to its markets and commerce, had over the years made Jagargunda their home.

Across Jagargunda are remnants of the prosperity the village once enjoyed, among them a rusted locker that lies in an empty residents of villages in the forests surround

next to this one for years, the property o the Chhattisgarh Gramin Bank that had its branch in the village. Villagers, Maoists and government officials tried to open the ocker, set fire to its hinges, break it open vith hammers, but it refused to vield, unti ree years ago, it was taken away by offi tials of the bank. Jagargunda also had a hos oital with doctors' quarters, even a footbal club, each with a building of its own, "We here were MBBS doctors only here and i says a villager, pointing to a building over n with moss. The ceiling is broken, and the window is a big hole in the wall. When the violence came, this was one of the man ouildings that were left abandoned or

It was 2007, the year Salwa Judum began, that the violence struck. The Salwa udum, an effort backed by both the then SIP government and the late Congress eader Mahendra Karma, saw civilians be ng given arms by the state to wipe out the the Supreme Court in a landmark judgmen n 2011, but by then, the violence had torr Bastar apart, Thousands were displaced and omes were burnt amidst allegations of wide-spread human rights abuse.

As the Judum entered villages in the forests off the main road, there were only two choices for villagers. Most left their homes and fled to neighbouring states such as Andhra Pradesh but thousands were herded into Salwa Judum camps run by the administration. As the Maoists and the state engaged in a bloody conflict, these camps became targets for the Maoists.

that masquerades as a state highway. Judum camps in Bastar, most of its inmates



ing Jagargunda. Over 1,700 people — more than half of Jagargunda's population — live in this camp. Spools of concertina wire encircle the village, with four gates manned

by the CRPF and the Chhattisgarh Police. Sitting outside one of the two shops that sell tea and biscuits in the village Raiu Sori a resident of Jagargunda, says, "Every day, they open the gates at 6 am, and shut at 6 source of income is the paddy that is grown With no irrigation, there is only one crop cycle – during and after the monsoons. For

the rest of the year, the fields are a dry yellow and brown, the ground thirsting for water and the people for jobs.

But he considers himself lucky that he doesn't live in the Salwa Judum camp, in tightly packed homes separated by narrow lanes. At least Sori's home has two rooms. with a small patch of garden at the rear, he says. At least he still has his land, "For us, our land is everything. But these families ir the camp had to abandon their villages and their fields. Here they have no work, no agriculture. In one sense, bad as it is, at least Jagargunda was on the road. These people



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had it worse because they lived in villages

National Highway 30. At Jagargunda, he him to bring the village back "to what it Dantewada, and Bijapur, roads emanating schools. from Jagargunda and which connect it to the three big towns in south Bastar — are viving the schools, we realised there were so many dilapidated buildings, many that were blasted apart and had Maoist slogans not visible. They know well that while these radiating roads made Jagargunda a prominent junction and a centre of affluence all those years ago, they also turned the village of building new structures, it would be better if those buildings could be moulded back into shape. We were able to complete

into an enicentre of violence As the conflict continued, Maoists destroyed the roads to Dantewada and Rijanur and damaged the once black tarred road that connected Jagargunda to Sukma via Dornapal. It was on this road that in 2017, 28 CRPF jawans lost their lives in an ambush. There are as many as 15 security camps on the 58-kilometre stretch, and yet. only 23 km of a cement road has been built over the last decade. "When it rains, we get completely cut off" says Sori

A Class 12 student who lives in the hostel says, "When we were in Dornapal, we could go to Sukma from time to time. In Dornanal, there were shops where we stay beyond this session. could buy nice things to eat, or just step out At the Government Boys' Hostel, which together with the girls' hostel house 177 of school. In Jagargunda, everything is too far away and too dangerous. And once the

sources are often stretched thin gates shut at 6 pm, there is nothing

Though the schools have reopened, the immediate challenge for the administra-tion is to ensure that students and teachers

Chandan Kumar travelled down the road

that connects Dornapal to Jagargunda, on

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students and 28 teachers, students say re-Mahesh Kumar Markam, a Class 12 student from Elampalli village near

has begun. But he points to where he sleeps In March 2019, District Magistrate at night — a corridor in the main school, open to the elements, "The hostel facilities Convincing teachers to travel to are not good. When it rains, there is no Jagargunda was difficult enough, to get choice but to get wet. There are puddles them to live and teach deep inside forests. where we sleep. It was not like this in the Dornapal hostel," he says. the outside world, proved almost impossible. "So who do you think are running these schools? Young men and women

The district administration says a third hostel is under renovation, a building that had fallen into ruin and is now being refurbished. But the pace of work is slow. A contractor, who spoke on the condition that he not be named, says, "Everything in Jagargunda is slow. We want to finish work as soon as we can, but there is very little we can do. The problem is labour. Nobody vants to come here. Everybody is afraid of being caught in the conflict."

ontractor, or teacher, or gov official wants to be quoted in Jagargunda. The consequences of speaking out are far too high. "If we speak against the administration, we might get suspended. But if the Maoists think we are speaking out of turn, we and our families are in danger," says a teacher from the village who has been posted to the Jagargunda Government Senior Secondary School.

"We were told to join the school for the sake of the children, but what is the point living like this? I might quit my job if things ing run along national highways. That way. leagues in the staff room. It's around 1.30 in schools in Jagargunda congregate here

This staff room has other uses. In one the Bastar landscape is testament to the corner are utensils, in another, mattresses have been stacked up. Damp from the rains, some of the mattresses are torn, a sure sign, the teachers say, of rats chewing through them "When darkness falls we nut the mattresses next to each other on the floor the work two months ago. We then had and sleep. There are times we wake up with teachers and hostel wardens who were liv- us." says a teacher.

While formal schools have now opened in villages such as Jagargunda and Bheiji along arterial roads, the district adstration has embarked on another project: opening some form of schooling n villages that are in the forests, where, to this day, the administration has very little

Around 123 schools were destroyed during the Salwa Judum years. So far, with help from the local community, the administration claims to have revived 91 of these schools and brought around 3,600

children back to school. But while getting children to school needed little coaxing, the looming gues-

difficulty that exists — most of the formal residential schools are run out of large porta cabin structures, "Maoists usuall target structures with concrete roofs. So we build structures with ashestos and pre fab sheets. As of now, I have not faced resistance, direct or indirect, for starting the schools. That is a positive sign," says

who are from the same village where the

schools were destroyed. They are our shik-

sha doots, people who have volunteered to start these schools. As of now, these are

single-teacher schools. As and when more

numan resources," says Kumar.

children get enrolled, we will deploy other

Yet, as with everything else in Bastar

all these initiatives come with long-stand-

raised on the quality of education that wil

be imparted by "shiksha doots". The dis-

trict administration admits there is little

"Before inducting them, we gave them one month of residential training here in

Sukma. We are hoping that they can teach

alphabets, counting, simple mathematics

so that when these children get to Class 5

we can bring them to middle schools be-

at least a generation won't be lost," says

Of these 91 one-room schools, most of

them run out of mud hutments, the ad-

by way of checks and balances, but the idea, they say, was to make a beginning

the "raunak (life)" it once held, these pos-

Six months ago, electricity returned to homes, and from inside them come muffled strains of Bollywood music or a Shahrukh Khan film, Until six months ago, trucks from Sukma came bearing supplies twice a year; the supplies now come once a week, the trundle of pickup vehicles now commonplace. A small weekly haat bazaar has restarted as well.

Most of all, there are sounds of resurschools. Of children in uniform playing in admonished by a teacher, of the chorus of the end of a school day. The sound of

#### **A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BARBER IN DELHI**

## A GOOD HAIR DAY

Zahiruddin prefers his *ustara* to the clipper, *sada* cuts to fancier ones. But, he says, Delhi govt's proposed Kesh Kala Board, to train barbers in the latest technology, will help if it brings more income

**AMITAVA CHAKRABORTY** 

HE USTARA (straight razor), seven pairs of scissors, a shaving brush, two rusting bowls, a red bottle of Cinthol powder, a frayed hair brush that has seen better days, and creams and lotions in bright hues of green and pink. Those, an elevated chair and a small wood-framed mirror hanging on to the grille of a municipality park in South Delhi's New Friends Colony, complete Zahiruddin's workplace.

Now holding up his customer's chin the youngster is sitting on the chair facing the mirror — Zahiruddin carefully slides the ustara down the man's neck.

For over 30 years now, Zahiruddin, a barber from Asawar village in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district, has run his makeshift salon on the footpath of the upscale Eastern Avenue lane in South Delhi, charging Rs 30 for a haircut, Rs 20 for a shave, and Rs 15 for a face massage with 'Chital', a brand of perfumed cream that he buys from the weekly bazaar near his slum.

Last week, to help barbers like Zahiruddin, the Delhi government approved the setting up of a Kesh Kala Board to "promote the traditional art of hair grooming". Pointing out that the barber community, a backward class, has remained "largely un-benefited" from the advances in the Rs 22,500

HE HAS BEEN A BARBER FOR 30 YRS crore industry, the body aims to provide "ad-

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ZAHIRUDDIN, 50

ing in the industry" to the section. Zahiruddin says he has not heard about the government's plans, "but it will be useful if it helps us earn more". "I manage to earn about Rs 10,000 a month. Apart from the Rs 2,500 rent, I have to send a large chunk of it to my wife and four children who live in the village," he says.

equate training on latest technology prevail-

His customers are mostly labourers and daily wagers who live in the slums nearby, separated from the ritzy homes of the neighbourhood by an overflowing sewage.

"My customers can't afford to visit a salon. Garib toh garib ke paas hi ayega na (The poor will come to the poor only)," he says, now busy massaging a customer's face after a shave. "The cream will make your skin glow," he tells him.

Beaming, the 34-year-old migrant worker from West Bengal, Mithun Rubidar, jumps off the chair. "I work at a general store and deliver drinking water jars to homes in the area. With my income, I can only afford a haircut on the footpath. I paid Rs 50 for a shave and a massage. It would have cost me much more at a salon," he says.

Following the Delhi government's announcement, the state's Social Welfare

Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam clarified that they were "not targeting salons, which are fancier and more refined" for the project.

Across the street, the owner of a plush salon that charges Rs 230 for a haircut and Rs 160 for a shave, says he doesn't see the barbers on the street as a threat. Refusing to be identified, he adds, "They are all doing their business. Our clients are different." There are at least three barbers who run make-shift salons on Eastern Avenue lane.

A little after noon, Zahiruddin, dressed in a striped shirt and loose trousers, a few strands of grey streaking his thick mop of hair, takes a break as he waits for customers. Recalling his days in the village, he says, "When I was 10, my father, who made hookahs for a living, sent me to his friend, a barber, to learn the job. At the time, many barbers from my village were migrating to Delhi for jobs, and I accompanied them."

Since then, says the 50-year-old, he has helped many members of his family and village set up barber stalls on Eastern Avenue.

One of them is his cousin Shahid, 28, who is now busy giving a haircut to a boy in

> his mid-twenties. "Main guru hoon, woh mera chela hain (I am the teacher, he is my students)," laughs Zahiruddin, looking at Shahid, whose stall is less than 20 metres away.

As he snips through his customer's hair, Shahid, a father of three, complains about the poor business today. "It's not very busy today because people have gone

home for Diwali and Chhath puja... I don't make much money, but since I stay with my uncle, I don't have to pay rent," says Shahid, who earns about Rs 7,000 a month and has been in the Capital for the past 10 years.

Both uncle and nephew say that they give their customers 'sada (plain)' haircuts. "I don't even have a phone. I don't watch anything. I simply listen to what the customers ask for and cut their hair accordingly," says Zahiruddin, as Shahid, who has a basic handset, nods.

"I am happy with what I get. I am too old to pick new skills. I can only use scissors, I have never tried clippers," says Zahiruddin, adding, "Anyway, I can't return to my village. My ancestors haven't left behind any land for me. My 22-year-old son is married and works in a garment factory in Bulandshahr. I haven't met him in 14 months... He doesn't contribute any money to the family."

Zahiruddin says he has had no trouble doing business on the lane. Pointing to a police *chowki*, about 40 metres from his stall, he says, "They are friendly and never trouble

But his 28-year-old nephew has been contemplating shifting to another profession for some time now. "Par phir main apna maalik nahi rahunga (But then, I will not be



my own boss). Now, if I have some urgent work, I can shut the shop at my own will," says Shahid.

Around 3 pm, as Zahiruddin lights a *bidi* and calls for some tea from a stall nearby, an agitated Amrit Lal plonks himself on the chair. The 60-year-old, an old friend of Zahiruddin's who works as a gardener at a kothi in New Friends Colony, fumes, "Budhiya ke pass 700 gamle hain (The old woman who employs me has 700 potted plant). I have to paint all of them. To finish early, I even broke 15 pots, but there are still hundreds of them left."

As Zahiruddin wraps a white-and-blue striped towel around Lal's neck to give him a shave, he tries to calm his friend. But Lal continues, "The family also grows a lot of vegetables. I sometimes take a brinjal or two home and cook it for dinner. They taste so bad. When I tell them, they say it's organic."

Zahiruddin laughs, and goes on to give his friend an intense head massage. That does the trick, and Lal finally breaks into a smile. "But everyone is in a good mood at home today. The owner has won a golf

match," he says, and returns to the *kothi*. Around 5 pm, as the last batch of his customers arrive, Zahiruddin lets out a trade secret. "I offer tea and *bidi* just like the big salons offer drinking water and coffee to their customers," he smiles, holding a tray with small cups of tea. "It's important to respect your customers. That is why they always come back to me," he says.

An hour later, he begins to wrap up for the day. He leaves his chair at the nearby tea shop, tying it to one of its poles with a chain. The tools and creams are put in a bag. Tomorrow, he will be back at the spot at 9 am again. "I work all seven days," he says.

#### SOFIAHSAN

THE TWO blazing tattoos on Ravi Kumar's forearms — and a certificate — are validation of a faith he holds dear: of the absence of God.

"It is certified that Mr Ravi Kumar, atheist, son of Sh. Inder Lal, Resident of Ward No 11 Tohana Tehsil, Tohana District, Fatehabad, belongs to no caste, no religion & no God," reads the 'No Caste, No Religion, & No God Certificate', issued on a 'Government of Haryana' letterhead by the office of the Tohana tehsildar, to Ravi Kumar aka Ravi Kumar Atheist.

Last month, the Punjab and Haryana High Court ruled that while the Constitution confers on an individual the fundamental right to choose not to "profess any particular religion or for him to believe in God", a certificate declaring him an atheist "would be of no consequence". Dismissing Ravi's plea, Justice Tejinder Singh Dhindsa said that "there would be no requirement in law for him to be issued a certificate to such effect".

The 33-year-old had moved the court after the Fatehabad district authorities in April withdrew the 'No God Certificate' they had issued only a week earlier, citing "wrong interpretation of civil court orders" by the tehsildar office. Ravi has now decided to challenge the verdict before a division bench.

Ravi contends that just like a religious person, an atheist should be vested with the right to be issued a certificate declaring that he does not believe in any caste, religion or God.

At his unplastered, two-room house in Tohana, Ravi, who dropped out of college in his first year and who now takes on carpentry and house-painting jobs, says that as a child, his search for God often ended in disappointment. "My grandfather would say Krishna Bhagwan lives within us but when

## The Atheist

Ravi Kumar, who went as far as the High Court to prove himself godless, says he will fight on to keep his certificate declaring him a non-believer



Ravi believes religion is the source of much of the country's problems. Jaipal Singh

I was beaten up by children in school, no one saved me. People would also say Laxmi Pujas done during Diwali brought prosperity. My mother has been very particular about her pujas, but I have never seen any Laxmi or prosperity here. We would also buy Laxmi Bumper lottery tickets but we never won anything," he says, adding that's when the realisation dawned — "Mehnat se sab hota hai (Hard work makes everything possible)".

Ravi's father, a carpenter, works at a factory. The family does not own any land.

It was in 2017 that Ravi decided to get "Atheist" tagged to his name in official records, starting with his Aadhaar card. "I had to get a document signed from the municipal committee, the market committee and some others before I got them to add 'Atheist' to my Aadhaar card," says Ravi.

Ravi next got a resident certificate with his name as 'Ravi Kumar Atheist' and moved the civil court in Tohana for a change of name in his secondary school certificate. After the court cleared his lawsuit in 2018, he approached the district authorities for a 'No Caste, No Religion & No God' certificate, which too was granted to him.

To get the certificate, Ravi submitted his Aadhaar card, domicile certificate, date of birth certificate and school certificate to the district authorities. "They conducted an inquiry and then gave me the certificate. However, they soon withdrew it accusing me of forgery... Let them prove it. They issued the certificate after verification," he says.

Officials at the Tohana tehsildar office. who did not wish to be identified, say that the court order was wrongly interpreted as the decree was only to add 'Atheist' to his secondary school certificate, and not for the 'No Caste, No Religion & No God'certificate.

Ravi says his determination to shun religion came with its share of troubles. "Almost everyone called me names — I have heard the word *paagal* (mad) so many times, it has to be a world record," he laughs. "My family was embarrassed about my ideas."

"People would talk about him, call him nastik (atheist). We would be worried." says his father Inder Lal, adding that he was once so upset with his son that he left home threatening to kill himself on the rail tracks. He returned on his own after sometime. "We have now started to understand him... I have also stopped going to the temple now."

At Ravi's home, there are no idols or photographs of deities. "I have stopped going to the temple too. I only pray to my ancestors sometimes," say Ratni, Ravi's mother.

Ravi, who belongs to the Khati (OBC) caste, says he is inspired by B R Ambedkar, whose picture hangs from a nail on his wall.

Ravi says that his ideas got into trouble outside of home too. "In 2018, I was working as an attendant at a veterinary hospital in Tohana, where some 200 buffaloes died in a span of five months. Since it had become known that I was an atheist, people thought I was responsible for it. I could not handle the harassment and had to quit the job," he says.

The 33-year-old says that his belief in atheism has convinced him that religion is the cause of much of the country's problems. "India verus Pakistan, lower caste versus higher caste – religion and caste are to blame for all this tension. I think there is a need for atheism today more than ever before," he says.

For now, besides fighting for the No-God certificate, Ravi faces an immediate challenge finding a girl who will be ready to marry him. "I can only marry an atheist and that too in court because I cannot have any religious function," he says.

#### TAKE 5

FACES ON THE FRINGES OF NEWS

### 'Co-ed schools will help boys... If boys get distracted, girls alert them'

To address the "decline in results of Class 10" and increase enrolment, the Delhi government has set a deadline of July 2020 to convert all its schools to co-educational ones. ANANYA TIWARI speaks to Shabana Khan, 14, a Class 8 student of Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya, Moti Bagh-I, and Aman Kumar, 17, a Class 10 student of Government Boys' Senior Secondary School, Moti Bagh, to find out what the decision means to them



Govt found that co-ed schools performed better in exams. Express

1 Do you think converting all **L** schools to co-ed is a good idea? **SHABANA:** I think so. Girls face a lot of discrimination. This way, both boys and girls can study together. Some people think that it is bad for girls to study with boys. I don't think that is the case.

**AMAN:** It's a good idea, but it may also affect discipline. Classrooms will be crowded... But it is a good idea because then the entire school will become one. Now we have separate schools for boys and girls. Also, all trophies will come to one school, whether girls or boys win them.

→ Will your parents object to the  $\angle$  government's plans? **SHABANA:** No. Even they believe that girls and boys shouldn't be treated differently. They don't want girls to be discriminated against. They are very clear about it. (Both her parents work as labourers). **AMAN:** I think they will be fine with it. For them, ultimately, it is about their children studying. They don't want anything else. They only want the school to provide good education, that's all. They are not concerned about whether girls and boys are studying together or separately.

Outside school, do you have boys and girls among your friends? **SHABANA:** Yes. I take tuitions at the Senior Secondary Boys School nearby. It is for two hours everyday after school. There are about 40-50 people, both boys and girls. **AMAN:** I have a lot of friends outside of school — at tuition classes, in my neighbourhood. It's a mixed group of boys and girls. They are my best friends.

#### **Do you interact with the** 4 opposite sex during activities in school?

**SHABANA:** Yes, for drawing, music and English classes. The drawing classes are held at the primary school nearby, where primary school boys and boys from the Senior Secondary Boys' School join us. We all draw together. It happens a few times a week. For the music classes, boys come to the girls' school.

**AMAN:** Yes. Recently, there was a dance competition and both boys and girls participated and also got trophies. For the annual day function, girls come to our school to participate in the event, and we go to their school as well.

Girls have been performing better than boys in Board exams every year. Why do you think that is the case? **SHABANA:** I think both girls and

boys are capable of doing well in exams. Everyone has some skill. It's not that girls are more hardworking, we are both equal. **AMAN:** Girls are definitely becoming

smarter now. I think they need more education, knowledge... Boys are smart too, but they are more interested in roaming around. That hampers their studies. But if a girl notices that a boy is getting distracted, and if she is his friend, she often alerts him. So then, definitely, schools should be made co-educational. It will help the boys.

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THE PERSON who convinced me to do a PhD in economics was Abhijit Banerjee of MIT, when I worked with him on one of the first randomised controlled trials in the field of economics in the late 1990s. During my PhD, I had the good fortune to work closely with several exceptional scholars. Jonathan Morduch, William Easterly, Andrew Schotter and the legendary William Baumol — each have made a lasting impression on my worldview and philosophy of life. I did not, however, see enough women faculty around. I was surrounded by extremely smart and driven people, but mostly men. You think that you are gender-blind, but in reality, one begins to internalise the highly unequal world of the economics profession. Reality kicks hardest when, as a young economics faculty, you choose to also become a mother. There is so little support forthcoming that you have to put up a fight almost every step of the way. I think this is why most women economists at the top are battle hardened (given the survivor bias!). I firmly believe that we need many more women in the field of economics — but this will only begin to happen when we equalise all the costs (explicit and implicit) for men and women in the profession.

It is crucial for young girls to have female mentors because research shows that it encourages them to persevere ahead, despite difficulties. I have been teaching at the Indian School of Business for the last 15 years, and sometimes in lighter moments the male students have remarked that I am too tough on them, but "nicer" to the female students during class participation which is an integral part of the MBA training. It is an early

## More women is good economics — economists

training for future leadership role, and therefore, I like to encourage the women to speak up.

It is important, first of all, to remember that there are no silver bullets in economic development. But a massive amount of evidence from the experimentation of three decades in micro-finance has shown that women can be agents of change in the economy and larger society. It makes good economic and social sense to target women for development of micro-entrepreneurship. Economic empowerment of women through small financial instruments (loans, savings, insurance) can have long-term impact on their well-being and the well-being of their children in particular. My own research shows that women borrowers are more empowered in their health-seeking behaviour than other women in similar conditions. There is also research which shows the strong demonstration effect that working women have on school retention rate of girl students. So there is empirical evidence that helps in designing policy intervention to combat patriarchy, while we continue to research newer pathways.

I do not see women as equal participants in India's growth today. This is why I think that human capital of women is one of our most under-exploited potentials. We are locked in a bad equilibrium which is also unfortunately, a very stable equilibrium. To get out of this, we will need policy shocks. These can take the form of legislation (tax incentives, women's reservations, maternity benefits, required board directorships etc.) and concerted government policy efforts aimed at reducing the cost of economic participation by women (safer workplaces, public trans-



Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee won the Nobel Prize in Economics. AP

port, well-lit streets, targeted policing, scholarships, hospital protocols targeting women patients, awareness programmes etc.). But the larger problem cannot be addressed by governments alone. For instance, one of my research papers shows that despite similarity in costs across genders, nearly 49 per cent of women patients are missing from our apex public hospitals. This shows the gross neglect and discrimination in health-seeking within our society. The malaise runs deep and will require small social revolutions in many spheres. This is where I derive comfort in the fact that several states (Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Goa, Sikkim) and sectors (banking, aviation etc.) within our own country lead the way towards gender parity, and provide a blueprint for others to follow. We don't necessarily need to look towards the Scandinavians for inspiration.

One of my simplest studies, yet most powerful in implication, documents the significant rise of women voters in India. The study shows that increase in female voter participation was not an outcome of any concerted policy of the government or the Election Commission of India, but a "silent revolution" of self-empowerment. This trend has only become stronger in the last two decades with better connectivity and out-of-state election policing etc. Yet, at a more fundamental level, we know that a significant number of women "electors" are missing — this is partly because they are not registered on the electoral rolls but partly because these women do not exist in our society. They are missing from our society because many die at birth, many die in infancy, many die in adolescence, very many die in childbirth (maternal mortality), many die due to lack of access to quality healthcare in older age groups etc. So the electoral outcomes only reflect the preferences (will) of those who survive. Therefore to make our democracy more representative, we have to ensure that more and more women survive in our society.

I am excited by this year's Nobel award in Economics despite my doubts regarding the RCT approach to poverty reduction. Beyond methodological concerns (external validity etc.), RCTs are great to measure impacts of specific interventions. If the objective, however, are policies for poverty reduction, then evidence from India and China strongly reaffirm the power of structural reforms and economic growth. In many cases, the small tweaks that RCTs carefully measure (e.g. extra teachers, meals, cameras etc., in schools to raise overall performance) keep us from considering more fundamental structural reforms (like privatisation of schools, for instance) which are important policy counterfactuals. Yet, the prize to Esther Duflo especially is being celebrated because, as a recent CGD (Center For Global Development) blog noted, "...feels like a win for women and for dual career couples struggling to balance work and family in a profession that has historically been dominated by older men whose wives were at home warming their slippers and typing up their lecture notes."

Eventually, we must aspire towards equality in opportunity which is much more important than equality in outcomes. Every society must struggle to create equal opportunities for its women citizens. Only then can we compare the outcomes and know whether men and women have distinct preferences and interests or are there innate differences in their abilities. This holds true for economies as well as for prestige careers of economists.

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## A deluded campaign

THERE IS no genteel way to say this so I am going to spit it out: menacing hyper-nationalism does not win elections. It was menacing hypernationalism that defined the BJP's election campaigns in Maharashtra and Haryana and voters rejected it. The BJP may well form governments again in both these states but the truth is that in this seeming victory lies hidden a warning that Narendra Modi would do well to heed. The warning is that even a prime minister who has just won a second term must never start thinking of himself as invincible. Delusions of invincibility have been sadly much too evident ever since that second term began and they became manifest in a very ugly way during the recent election campaign.

As someone who has supported Modi openly in this column, I was horrified to hear him virtually charge his political opponents with treason for opposing the removal of Article 370. Ask them, he said often, if they would dare bring it back. Sharad Pawar answered correctly that it made no difference to the people of Maharashtra whether this Article was there or not since destitute farmers from his state were not exactly ready to race off to buy land in the Kashmir Valley. The menace in the Prime Minister's speeches was amplified by his faithful fellow traveller Amit Shah who gives that word a whole new dimension.

When I asked ordinary people in Maharashtra what they thought of the removal of Article 370, the general response was puzzlement that I should even be asking them this question. Most people seemed unsure what difference it made to their lives and usually, after pausing to think about it, they would remind me that jobs were being lost in the auto industry and banks were failing and it was these things that worried them most. I did not get a chance to travel in Haryana this time but am willing to bet that voters in that state were as unconcerned about Article 370 as voters in Maharashtra. And yet, this was all that the BJP's campaign had to offer. This was mixed with some very nasty hyper-nationalistic rhetoric that singled out Muslims as the only 'infiltrators' who were not welcome in India. Unsurprisingly, this got noticed all the way in Washington when a congressional committee met to discuss human rights in South Asia.

Speaking of which, has anyone in the Prime Minister's Office noticed that it was only human rights violations in Kashmir that appeared to come up for discussion? Nothing about Balochistan, nothing about the human rights of Shias and Ahmediyas in the Islamic Republic. Our diplomats seem to be doing a really bad job of explaining to the world why the Kashmir Valley continues to be incommunicado and in a state of semi-curfew so many weeks after Article 370 was removed. On the domestic front, the situation is if anything even more worrying because if there is a strategy to win the peace in Kashmir it is being kept very secret. The Prime Minister tweeted proudly last week about how 'the people of J&K have been able to exercise their democratic rights with exceptional enthusiasm, as seen in the historic turnout of 98% that too without

These were village-level elections but it is no small achievement that they should have been held. What will matter much more to the world is whether there will be 'exceptional enthusiasm' when elections are held to the legislative Assembly. The removal of Article 370 has internationalised our Kashmir problem dramatically, so the world will be watching whenever these elections are held. It is hard to say when or how but what can be said is that if the BJP campaign is imbued with menacing hyper-nationalism, the chances of winning the peace in Kashmir will become much harder. And yet, the peace has to be won, and it has to be won soon, so instead of weaponizing the abolition of Article 370 it might be a good idea to start explaining to ordinary Kashmiris exactly how it is that they will benefit from losing their special status and losing even their status as a state in the Union of India.

violence or disturbance.'

In Maharashtra and Haryana there would have been much more support for the BJP if there had been more talk in the campaign of steps being taken to reverse the economic slowdown. It is beginning to hurt ordinary people now because when jobs are lost instead of being created, everyone can see that there is cause for concern. On this day that we celebrate the goddess of prosperity, it is appropriate to remind the Prime Minister that unless signs of prosperity begin to become evident soon, he could start discovering how quickly delusions of invincibility begin to fade. Meanwhile, a very Happy Diwali to all of you.

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#### SOME UP, SOME DOWN IS NATIONAL Security Advisor Ajit Doval

up or down in the Modi-2 regime? On one hand, with Amit Shah as Home Minister, Doval's wings automatically get clipped in internal security matters. When Rajnath Singh was home minister, Doval held forth freely at North Block meetings. But with Shah as boss there is less scope for interventions. At times, when Doval issues instructions to the IB chief or other agency heads, he is informed that they have to first check with Shah. On the other hand, there is physical evidence that Doval's clout is expanding in other areas. For instance, earlier he occupied just one floor of Sardar Patel Bhawan as his personal office. Now Doval, raised to the rank of Cabinet minister, has taken over most of the building for the National Security Council (NSC) Secretariat, which has expanded noticeably. There are even three deputy NSAs and the building entrance has got a facelift. Most importantly, the rules of business were re-framed this month so that the NSC can generate Cabinet notes and act like a full government department.

#### OM, THANK GOODNESS

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh sent word to the Indian ambassador in France that he wanted a pandit to be present when he landed in Bordeaux for the formal ceremony of officially handing over the first of the 36 Rafale jets manufactured for the Indian Air Force. The French authorities, alerted that a *puja* would be performed on the runway, made discrete inquiries as to what the procedure entailed. At the Dassault Aviation Centre, Rajnath carried out the rituals of a *shastra puja*, the ceremony for worshipping weapons. He offered a coconut and flowers, while a lemon was placed under the aircraft wheel. Singh put kum kum on his finger to inscribe the auspicious figure 'Om' on the jet. The French witnessing the ceremony, including the Minister for Armed Forces, top army brass and senior officials of Dassault, heaved a sigh of relief. They had been informed that traditionally Indians inscribe a swastika during a puja. The swastika is an unhappy symbol for France since it evokes memories of Nazi occupation of the country during World War II.

#### ADVICE NOT WANTED

Veteran journalist Ashok Malik's field of expertise is the media. His last job in fact was as press secretary to the President. But in his new position as "policy advisor" in the Ministry of External Affairs, he has reportedly been told not to offer advice on the media. The External Publicity Division is possessive about its turf, even if its efforts for positive coverage on Kashmir in the foreign press have fallen rather short.

#### PREVENTIVE STRIKE

The recent BCCI elections demonstrated that this is yet another sphere in which Amit Shah holds sway. However, it was not Shah alone who rooted for Sourav Ganguly over Brijesh Patel for the president's post. Along with MoS Finance Anurag Thakur, Assam minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, who controls the seven votes from the Northeast states, and Congressman Rajiv Shukla, who is influential with the Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Hyderabad cricket boards, also backed Ganguly. While the common surmise is that Shah coveted a winning face for his party in the Bengal Assembly polls, the BJP president realises that Bengal's cautious dada has a history of keeping on the right side of all political parties, whether the TMC, CPI(M) or Congress, and is unlikely to throw his lot solely with the BJP. The common target of the new BCCI members from different camps is Vinod Rai, till last week head of the BCCI's Committee of Administrators (CoA). The cricket bosses who lost control of the most lucrative sport in the country for over three years had announced to all and sundry that they would settle scores by investigating some of the financial transactions of the CoA. Forewarned, the Supreme Court, while permitting the elected office-bearers to take charge, scuttled attempts for a potential witch-hunt against predecessors by inserting two safeguard clauses. No proceedings against the CoA members is possible without court clearance and legal expenses will be borne by the BCCI.

#### Waiting for Cook

The Garvi Gujarat building, the new Gujarat Bhavan in Delhi inaugurated by PM Modi on September 2, has won plaudits and publicity. But the Bhavan, located on the prestigious Akbar Road, still awaits a resident cook. It is not easy to persuade a skilled Gujarati cook to move to Delhi, since cooks find the cost of living much cheaper in their home state and they prefer the familiar surroundings. The Gujarat authorities put out tenders for an agency to run the kitchen. The tender has finally been awarded, now everyone is waiting for the cook.

ity and there were fears expressed that

democracy was in danger. That he was

populist, authoritarian and majoritar-

ian. Of course, being the BJP, the accusa-

tion of fascism was never far behind —

The recent elections show that Indian

democracy is alive and well and kicking.

Just a few days ago, exit polls were

showing a landslide for BJP. The party

had talked about Article 370 in both

Well, I have to disappoint everyone.

to say nothing of the H word.

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#### history **HEADLINE RAKHSHANDA JALIL**



## In Iqbal's words



musicality of the words that held me in thrall.

When Abba recited 'O Ghafil Afghan', 'Jang-e Yarmooq ka eik Waqeya', 'Naya Shivala', 'Haqiqat-e Husn', 'Gibril-o Iblis' or 'Rohila' in his sonorous voice, he was not simply pouring honey in my ears but also laying the foundation of what would become an enduring love for the eclecticism and Catholicism of

It was only years later that I began to read Igbal (1877-1938) with the intention of understanding his poetry and locating him in the context of his time and age. Marking a radical departure from the moralists of the previous generation, Iqbal (revered as 'Allama' meaning 'scholar') was exhorting the masses to rise against the colonial masters in poems such as 'Punjab ke Dehqaan Se' and 'Farman-e Khuda'. Forsaking the home-spun wisdom of previous generations of didactic Urdu poets, drawing upon the best resources of a liberal western education, making an impassioned call for a marriage between faith and modernity, he was addressing the Muslims, in particular, to negotiate the choppy waters of a new century and forge a new identity.

Iqbal graduated from the prestigious Government College, Lahore in 1899, worked as a lecturer in philosophy at the same college, went on to study philosophy at Trinity College, Cambridge and in Heidelberg and Munich in Germany and



also took the Bar-at-Law from 1905-1908. He returned to teach for two years before quitting government service altogether, earned no more than a modest livelihood as a lawyer and chose to devote himself entirely to reading and writing. Given his trenchant criticism of the imperial government, he surprisingly enough accepted a Knighthood in 1922. In 1927, he was elected to the Punjab Legislative Council. The philosophical essence of his writings is distilled in a series of six (somewhat dense) lectures delivered during 1928-29 at the universities in Aligarh, Hyderabad and Madras entitled 'Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam'. In 1931, he attended the Round Table Conference in London as a member of the Indian Muslim delegation led by the Aga Khan.

Questioning western enlightenment and English materialism on philosophical and religious grounds, acutely aware of the social undercurrents that conflicted the Muslim intelligentsia, no longer content with the crumbs of lowly employment in the colonial administration or even tokens of recognition and appreciation from the imperial government, Iqbal wanted nothing short of an Islamic Renaissance. In soul-stirring verses, he exhorted the Indian Muslim to hearken back to a glorious past, to listen to voices from Islam's history and heed the call of their faith.

While in his early poetry he spoke of a

united and free India where Hindus and Muslims could co-exist, this syncretism gave way to a somewhat woolly Unitarianism Individualism. The Tarana-e-

Hind written in 1904 was followed by the *Tarana-e-Milli* in 1910 showing the progression from Hindi hain hum watan hai Hindostan hamara (We are the people of Hind and Hindustan is our homeland) to Muslim hain hum watan hai sara jahan hamara (We are Muslims and our homeland is the whole world). Two decades later, in his Presidential Address to the Muslim League meeting of 1930 in Allahabad, he pro-

pounded the idea of a separate homeland for the Muslims but his notion of pan-Islamism remained muddled compared to, say, Jamaluddin Afghani, a man he admired for his insight into the history of Muslim thought. His idea of the supra-nationalism of Islam transcended manmade borders (what he called 'this accursed nationalism' in a new year's radio address on January 1, 1938.) to embrace the 'brotherhood of man'. Unable to reconcile the differences between East and West much less Reason and Faith, unable also to bolster his undoubtedly superlative poetry with a cogent ideology, Iqbal was at his best when he spoke out against injustice and inequality or in his lyrical descriptions of natural beauty and the Indian tradition of pluralism.

Iqbal's romantic nationalism underwent a change in the light of influences as diverse as Friedrich Nietzsche and Henri Bergson and Karl Marx, producing what Suroor has called the 'New Testament of Urdu Poetry'. In collection after collection — from Baal-e-Jibreel (1935) to Zarb-e-Kaleem (1936) to Armaghan-e-Hijaz(1938) — he shows the limitless possibilities of human endeavour. In an India lurching towards a dangerous extremism, Iqbal's poetry is illustrative of the pitfalls of excessive devotion to a cause, any cause.

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## Beware the voter



POLITICAL LANGUAGE follows its own logic. Congress won five general elections in a row in the first 20 years of parliamentary elections, had an overwhelming majority in both Houses of Parliament, and won most states in the first three elections. No one then thought of the tyranny of majoritarianism or that democracy was in danger. When Indira Gandhi won in 1971, no one said she was a populist, or majoritarian or that she was authoritarian (until they

found out in 1975). Narendra Modi won a second major-

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No local matter was addressed. In Maharashtra, a Bharat Ratna honour for V D Savarkar was given more prominence than recent floods. Haryana has a

car industry in doldrums but did not get a mention.

Certain things are clear. Never take the voters for granted. Voters know not only how to use their vote but also how to lie to pollsters.

There was a report of a BJP neta telling voters that his party had put a chip in the EVM which told them who had voted for which party. The Election Commission was going to examine him but it is not the first time this has been said. Maneka Gandhi said something similar during the general election. Either the voters do not believe what they are told or they are not afraid of the consequences of exercising their democratic rights. It is obvious that such talk does not enhance a party's reputation with voters.

In Haryana, the BJP has fallen short of what was expected of its team, let alone what was being claimed by exit polls. It has lost its majority and the Congress has 31 seats and the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) of Dushyant Chautala has won 10 seats.

The miracle in Maharashtra is of course the tenacity and success of Sharad Pawar. He stuck to local issues as he is deeply rooted in the state and the region to which he belongs. We see old names being resilient — Bhupinder Singh Hooda, of course, and now there is a third generation Chautala winning seats. Manohar Lal Khattar is a newcomer to Haryana as well as to electoral politics. He failed when the case of Ram Rahim blew up and his followers broke the law with impunity. Khattar may have forgotten but the local people have

The biggest surprise is the comeback for the Congress. Ever since the general election, it has been in serious crisis. It has lost its young president and got an older one back. Still, its performance shows that there is life in the Grand Old Party.

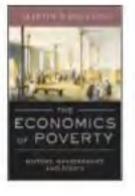
As for the BJP, it has to take local issues and local voters more seriously.

#### CHAPTER 1, LINE 1

A woman hears from her doctor that she has only half a year to live. The doctor advises her to marry an economist and move to South Dakota. "Will this cure my illness?" asks the woman. "No," says the doctor, "but the half year will seem pretty long." — Good Economics for Hard Times: Answers to Our Biggest Problems, Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo

#### **EXPRESS EDITORS** RECOMMEND

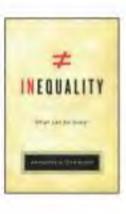
THE NOBEL prize for economics being awarded to Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Michael Kremer has yet again brought the issues of poverty and inequality into sharp focus. While poverty and inequality are related, their trajectory in an economy has often diverged. Faster economic growth has been shown to not only reduce abject poverty but also increase overall income inequality — explaining how poverty alleviation is fast giving way to containing growing inequalities in political discourse the world over. Of course, money is not the only way to map either. Here are five books for the Indian reader on these two issues:



#### **ECONOMICS OF POVERTY,** Martin **Ravallion:** This

2016 book is a great starting point for anyone who wants to understand the

history of poverty, ways of measuring it and the possible policy choices. The book has a fair amount of technical bits but they are contained in neat little boxes and a lay reader can chart out her reading path easily.



INEQUALITY, Anthony B. **Atkinson:** One of the foremost researchers on the topic, Atkinson's 2015 book stands out for its proposals on what can be

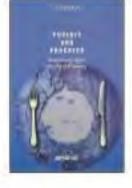
done about inequality. In particular, he questioned the notion that nothing can be done about the inequality arising out of market incomes.



REEXAMINED, **Amartya Sen:** The 1998 Nobel winner has researched and written extensively on poverty and inequality with a special fo-

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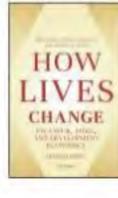
cus on India (An Uncertain Glory with Jean Dreze is a convincing indictment of India's growth story). This book, first published in 1995, provides a non-mathematical yet deeply thought-provoking primer on how to think about inequality and poverty.



#### **PROGRESS AND POVERTY,**

Deepak Lal: This book essentially argues that "efficient economic growth is the only means to alleviate the ancient struc-

tural poverty of the Third World". Its chief merit is that it makes one reconsider — not necessarily give up every notion one has read about development economics.



**HOW LIVES** CHANGE, HIMANSHU, **Peter Lanjouw** and Nicholas Stern: This 2018 book draws on seven decades of data collected from Palanpur.

an average village of North India, and its residents. It provides a unique perspective on how different factors — from economic growth to policy changes — affect poverty and inequality in India.

### LOOKOUT NOTICE



IN HIS FINAL book, published after his death, economist Anthony Atkinson reveals the manner in which the

contours of poverty is, and should be, measured. Especially as better measurement of poverty is essential to the formulation of policy that can have a tangible impact on people's lives. He offers extensive data including case studies of 60 countries. Most significantly, Atkinson fuses and contrasts the parameters global organisations use to measure poverty with those in place across various countries.

# To See, or Not to See

An inside job on panoptic state surveillance in the name of national security, and its chilling effect on citizens

#### **PRATAP BHANU MEHTA**

DWARD SNOWDEN's Permanent Record will not, for many, decisively settle the question of whether his defiant act of leak-✓ ing millions of documents exposing the NSA's unconstitutional surveillance programme was an act of patriotism or an act of treason. Was this act, which led Snowden to be charged with espionage and sent him to exile, driven by a religious fidelity to the spirit of liberty enshrined in the American constitution? Or was it a reckless (and possibly conspiratorial) act that endangered national security? The debate between those who think constitutional liberty is paramount, and those who think that whatever else it might be, the constitution cannot be a "suicide pact", will probably never be settled. But the power of Snowden's beautifully written, engrossing memoir, full of pithy formulations, is that he does not deal with this question purely abstractly: liberty or national security? Rather, he attempts to portray a chilling picture of the world we create in the name of national security.

Snowden is not a security dove or an anarchist. He is driven to public service by a commitment to national security. The attack of 9/11 shakes him out of complacency and drives him to enlist in the army, where after gruelling physical injuries he decides to serve the state by using his formidable computer talents. But he finds out that it is the abuse of the idea of national security, not an excessive concern for privacy or liberty, that is converting the constitution into a suicide pact. While 9/11 was the loss of one kind of innocence, it created a sense of fear. But the discovery of what a programme like XKeyscore can do is another, perhaps even deeper, loss of innocence: the dispossession of human dignity that surveillance represents, and one we license in the name of that fear.

Snowden's concerns artfully proceed in three linked but different registers. Each is wonderfully braided into Snowden's own life: his transformation from a geeky, straightforward, inventive, slightly asocial computer whizkid born into a military family, to a political rebel who also finds the love of his life. The story is touchingly told in just the right register, and along the way manages to shed light on a rich assortment of topics. It does effectively bear witness to our times.

In a key moment in the book, Snowden writes: "I sat at a terminal from which I had practically unlimited access to the communications of nearly every man, woman, and child on earth who'd ever dialled a phone or touched a computer." No one is immune from this panoptic surveillance: not dozens of heads of state, not the innocent child in Indonesia who accidentally pops up on Snowden's screen. But, you might protest, is this surveillance not necessary for security? What risks does it pose?

There is the harm to principles and values: such surveillance is unauthorised and unconstitutional; it violates liberty and privacy. But the stronger and more powerful register is the historical one: think not of



Protesters against NSA data mining in Berlin wearing Chelsea Manning and Edward Snowden masks. Wikimedia Commons



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what rights of surveillance states might have, but how they actually behave. Let us for a moment grant that states have these extensive rights. Let us grant that no leader in the world can, in good conscience, step away from the pull of the question: are you doing all you can to protect your citizens? Snowden's argument seems to be: that is

not what the state is doing. The persuasiveness of Snowden's appeal hinges on the larger conduct of the state: do you trust a state that unleashes wars that kill close to a million people, in response to 9/11? Would you trust a state whose political economy seems to be driven by a shadowy world, that Snowden inhabits, of contractors, subcontractors and private parties? Would you trust a state where lying is not an occasional tool of choice, but a default mode of governance? The issue is not security, it is the lack of accountability — it is not surveillance per se, but concentration of power. This is the terrain on which the pushback against Snowden might come. Were the checks and balances as broken as Snowden thinks they are? The state could potentially harm any American citizen. But how many were actually harmed?

Snowden is puzzled by what modern surveillance does to the individual. He rightly points out that even the act of being seen in an unauthorised manner, even if you have nothing to hide, is something of a violation. It is giving over the power of defining yourself to someone else. We will be defined, not as we choose to but as the state and private entities decode us through our metadata. We also became more vicarious, intruding on moments in other people's lives that are not our own. But there is a deeper concern: as everything about us is potentially colonised by the imperatives of state power or commercial needs, what we are left with is a wholesale instrumentalisation of the self, where every action, every gesture, every thought ends up serving the logic of mam-

mon or the state. Privacy is not about the wish to hide; it is about having a space which is truly one's own, where we are not instruments of someone else's purposes.

The memoir is disappointingly thin in some respects: there is often an appearance of a lack of self-doubt about his own convictions, of too little wrestling with how much harm he might cause with the revelations. The narrative simply peters out after the revelations are made and he reaches Hong Kong. But even Snowden's detractors will admit, this is a memoir that shows great dignity: the coming of age story of someone who went from thinking that "the geek shall inherit the earth" to realising, "Technology does not take a Hippocratic Oath." Neither, it seems, does the All Knowing State. Whether Snowden is a patriot or a traitor, or possibly both, time will tell.

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#### **DIVYA KARNAD**

GLOBAL ECONOMIC liberalisation is posited as a set of processes that promote GDP growth, but come at the cost of high levels of income inequality while threatening the natural environment. In India, economic liberalisation was the path to development chosen in 1991, and reinforced by subsequent governments into the present day. This form of development, as is suggested in the press, is at loggerheads with environmental conservation.

Therefore, when questions of the human environment arise, the struggle to breathe clean air has to battle for pole position with industrial growth as issues of national importance. Today, the National Capital Region struggles for breath every winter, and huge oceanic dead zones linked to climate change have developed off the Maharashtra coast. It certainly appears that we need to rethink our path to development, if we are concerned about meeting the basic needs of life in future generations. It is at this juncture that a timely literary offering by Ghazala Shahabuddin and K. Sivaramakrishnan, *Nature* 

Conservation in the New

*Economy*, provides crucial intervention. The book is a nuanced take on the kinds of change the past decades of economic liberalisation in India have really heralded. Using a series of case studies presented by multiple authors, a reader can piece together how the new economic system has affected various parts of the country, including those ignored by the 24x7 news cycle.

In this context, the arc of most authors' arguments is one of decline, where powerful corporate interests bring their capitalcentric logic to bear on nature, to the detri-

ment not only of wildlife and natural resources, but also of resource dependent communities. However, a crucial chapter by Meghna Agarwala, Ruth DeFries, Y.V. Ihala and Q. Qureshi forces us to rethink this standard discourse by tracing the long history of human-influenced ecological change in central India. The implication of this research is that nature conservation itself appears to take a destructive liberalised form in central India, by disconnecting people from resources through practices of displacing people away from forests. Instead, they show that the more those people depended on particular plants and animals, the

more likely those species



Thousands of flamingos visit the Sewri Mudflats in Maharashtra every year. Express

were to continue to thrive in those forests. Similarly, the beautifully written piece by Ambika Aiyadurai, details a complex weave of rituals, taboos and superstition that interlink the Mishmi people of Arunachal Pradesh with their environment. The forest and wildlife are, in some ways, just an extension of people, through past lives, spirits and stories. Yet, these people are also viewed as an enemy of conservation, given that their skilled hunting and habits of taking souvenirs — such as hornbill casques, appears to provide authorities with proof that people are defaunating forests. This wonderful ethnographic work is set in the context of high levels of economic development that are proposed in Arunachal Pradesh, as it becomes central to new geo-political tussles and configurations. "The clash of worldviews", writes Aiyadurai is enhanced not only by the increasing presence of outsiders in the form of government officials intent on developing or conserving — such as the forest department, but also by the infiltra-

tion of new cultural influences, such as Christianity or Hinduism. Her work suggests that hunting, once converted from a spiritual activity to a mundane one, will likely be

even more difficult to control. Urbanisation in the NCR is tackled by M. Vikas in a chapter about Delhi's forests and Neha Sinha in a chapter about Gurgaon's wetlands. Updating these chapters to reflect the latest debates about tree felling and land conversion in the NCR would have made them much more relevant, but still thev bring interesting historical and policy dimensions to bear on the issues. The chapter on coastal zone regulations by Kohli and Menon is in similar need of updation, although they predict the dilutions to the environmental protection aspects of the CRZ Notification in its current form. They present an interesting analysis of how policy itself contributes to creating conflicting priorities and bureaucratic processes enable the creation of perceptions about increasing environmental protection while working against those very

goals in practice. These chapters, as well as those of Shahabuddin and Sarkar, provide interesting and detailed glimpses into local cases of socio-economic change producing socioecological change. One of course wishes for the opportunity for editors to have a greater voice in helping the readers interpret the patterns emerging from this volume. The editors themselves highlight the inadequacy of current scientific thinking, given its disciplinary bounds, to be able to make sense of such complex issues. This initiative of drawing together scholars from multiple disciplines, and their perspectives on seemingly disparate problems, to draw out threads of commonality across place and time is highly recommended for readers seeking a deep dive into nature conservation in India.

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### No sign of AP sand policy, TDP says hundreds jobless, protests after 2 suicides

by the government, sources in the

Ravindra said the cost of one

tractor full of sand has gone up

from Rs 2.000 to Rs 8.000. The

problem has been compounded

by heavy rain with sand digging

made difficult by swollen

Former TDP minister K

government said.

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** HYDERABAD, OCTOBER 26

TDP WORKERS held protests in Guntur, Krishna and other districts across Andhra Pradesh on Saturday seeking compensation for construction workers who, they alleged, were without work as all construction activity in Andhra Pradesh has come to a halt due to unavailability of sand.

TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu said that two construction workers committed suicide in Guntur as they had run into debts because they could not find work over the last five months.

The YSR Congress Party government which came to power in

June had cancelled the previous streams and rivers in spate. sand policy without announcing As per estimates of the a new one till September 5. There is shortage of sand in the entire

Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry state despite the government Federation, about 30 lakh workopening depots and godowns ers have lost their livelihood in and stocking sand at each district the last five months. "We are deheadquarters. As per the new polmanding that the government icy, sand has to be transported to pay compensation of Rs 50,000 customers by private transto each of the workers who lost their livelihood," TDP state presporters, but very few are ready to transport it at the new rates fixed ident Kimidi Venkat Rao said.

> Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy had Wednesday ordered district collectors to identify sand reaches at local water bodies in villages for sand mining under the supervision of village secretariat employees. However, the mechanism is yet to be in place, officials said.

## Lucknow college principal, 3 teachers booked for 'assault, caste slur' on Dalit student

**ASADREHMAN** 

LUCKNOW, OCTOBER 26

AN FIR was registered at the Bakshi Ka Talab police station against the principal and three teachers of GCRG College of Polytechnic, Lucknow, after a Dalit student complained that he was allegedly assaulted by the principal and teachers and that caste slurs were used against him.

that it was the student who assaulted the principal. Station House Officer, Bakshi

denied the allegations, claiming

ka Talab, Amar Nath Verma told

The Sunday Express that the accused principal, Pankaj Dixit, has been booked under IPC sections 323 (voluntarily causing hurt), 504(intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of the peace), 506 (criminal intimidation) and relevant sections of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

In his complaint, the student,

Vipin Kumar, who hails from Lakhimpur Kheri and is a student of Polytechnic (Diploma) However, college authorities second year, says, "On Friday, around 10:30 am, when the complainant went to college, the principal, Pankaj Dixit, said he (complainant) did not have the

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The college has claimed the student assaulted the principal after being told that he would not be allowed to sit for an exam

minimum attendance (70 per cent) to sit for the exam that day. While the complainant was standing outside his office, the accused started verbally abusing him. Just then, teachers Anil Shukla, Satyavan and Abhishek Yadav forced him to leave the

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spot and said that he couldn't give the examination. When the complainant tried to say something, they started kicking and punching him and beat him up with sticks. All three of them used caste slurs against the complainant. They also threatened to kill him."

Circle Officer, Bakshi ka Talab, Beenu Singh told *The Sunday* Express that a probe was on. "We will proceed according to the findings of the probe," said Singh.

AN Singh, managing director, GCRG Group, claimed that it was the student who assaulted the principal first. "The principal was assaulted by Vipin Kumar after

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he told him that he can't give the examination because his attendance is less than the minimum required. The student was then suspended around 11.30 am After that, he went and registered a complaint against the principal

at the police station," he claimed. He also claimed that the principal did not lodge a police complaint keeping in mind the student's future.

"We have called the parents of the student to the college on October 31. We will talk to them and also investigate if we need to take action against the principal after we speak to other students and staff members," he said.

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Sleeper & General

### **FESTIVAL SPECIAL TRAINS-2019**

Spl. Train No.	Station From	Dept. Time	Station to	Arr. Time	'	Frequency/ Day	Period	Accommodation
04002	Anand Vihar (T)	18:35	Bhagaipur	17:30	ekty	Thu	On 31.10.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04001	Bhagalpur	18:45	Anand Vihar (T)	17:40	s We	Fri	On 01.11.2019	Sleeper & Genera
04404	New Delhi Barauni	19:25	New Delhi	18:00	02 Trips	Tue Wed	On 29.10.2019 On 30.10.2019	AC 3 Tier
04408	New Delhi	19:25	Muzaffarpur	16:30	Trips	Tue	On 05.11.2019	
04407	Muzaffarpur	23:20	New Delhi	22:10	02 Tr	Wed	On 06.11,2019	AC 3 Tier
04414	New Delhi	19:25	Saharsa	20:00	Trips	Fri	On 01.11.2019	AC 3 Tier
04413	Saharsa	22:15	New Delhi	22:10	002	Sat	On 02.11.2019	1000
04079	New Delhi (Suvidha) Patna Jn. (Suvidha)	14:55	Patna Jn. New Delhi	08:30	04 Trips	Mon, Thu Tue, Fri	On 28 & 31.10.2019 On 29.10.2019 & 01.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04078	New Delhi	14:55	Patna Jn.	08:30	Die .	Tue, Fri	On 29.10,2019 & 01.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04077	Patna Jn.	12:00	New Delhi	04:00	百	Sun, Wed, Sat	On 27, 30.10.2019 & 02.11.2019	Sleeper & Genera
04084	Delhi	22:40	Purnea Court	22;30	Trips	Tue	On 29.10,2019	General
04083	Purnea Court	15:00	Delhi	18:20	1 20	Sun, Thu	On 27 & 31.10.2019	General
04052	Anand Vihar (T)	11:45	Katihar Jn.	12:45	sdi	Tue, Fri	On 29.10.2019 & 01.11.2019	
04051	Katihar Jn.	20:00	Anand Vihar (T)	23:00	05 Tr	Sun, Wed, Sat	On 27, 30,10,2019 & 02,11,2019	Sleeper & Genera
82416	Anand Vihar (T) (Suvidha)	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	Trips	Sun, Thu	On 27 & 31.10.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04093	Jogbani (Suvidha)	09:00	Anand Vihar (T)	16:05	MT	Tue, Sat	On 29,10,2019 & 02,11,2019	Sleeper & Genera
82402	Delhi (Suvidha)	13:30	Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:00	eckly	Tue	On 29.10.2019	Sleeper
04069	Muzaffarpur Jn. (Suvidha)	14:15	Delhi	13:45	Jy We	Wed	On 30.10,2019	
04023	Delhi (Suvidha) Darbhanga (Suvidha)	11:00	Darbhanga Delhi	12:40	B-Weekly	Mon	Upto 04.11.2019 Upto 05.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, & AC 3 Tier
82414	New Delhi (Suvidha)	00:20	Darbhangs	23:45	Trips	Wed	On 30:10.2019	190 4000
04059	Darbhanga (Suvidha)	04:30	New Delhi	05:55	03 Tr	Sun, Thu	On 27 & 31.10.2019	Sleeper
82411	Allahabad (Suvidha)	19:00	Anand Vihar (T.)	05:30	ekty	Mon & Wed	On 28.10.2019 & 30.10,2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
82412	Anand Vihar (T.) (Suvidha)	07:50	Allahabad	17:00	Bi-We	Tue & Thu	On 29.10.2019 & 31.10.2019	Sleeper & Genera
04401	Anand Vihar (T)	23:00	Shri Mata Vaishno	14:00	ly.	Mon, Thu	Upto 04.11.2019	
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04998	Bathinda Varanasi	20:50	Varanasi Bathinda	19:20	Weekly	Sun	Upto 03.11.2019	AC 3 Tier., Sleepe & General
04420	H. Nizamuddin	20:50	Lucknow	06:30	, A	Mon	Upto 04.11.2019	2022 202
04419	Lucknow	19:05	H. Nizamuddin	05:30	Week	Thu	Upto 07.11.2019	1st AC, AC 2 Tier AC 3 Tier
04422	Anand Vihar (T)	21:05	Lucknow	06:30	skly	Wed	Upro 06.11.2019	1st AC, AC 2 Tier
04421	Lucknow	19:05	Anand Vihar (T)	05:15	Wes	Tue	Upto 05.11.2019	AC 3 Tier
04502	Nangaldam	23:45	Lucknow	14:00	ekty	Mon	Upto 04.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04501	Lucknow	21:30	Nangaldam	13:00	We	Tue	Upto 05.11.2019	Sleeper & Genera
04612	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Varanasi	23:30	Varanasi Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	03:05	Weekly	Sun	Upto 03.11.2019 Upto 05.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie Sleeper & Genera
04409	Delhi Jn.	18:25	Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	09:05	, yba	Tue, Fri, Sun	Upto 05.11.2019	AC 3 Tier.
04410	Shri Mata Valshno Devi Katra	13:15	Delhi Jn.	03:00	Tri-We	Wed, Sat, Mon	Upto 06.11.2019	Sleeper & Genera
04074	New Delhi	15:30	Varanasi	07:00	sdiu	Tue, Fri	On 29.10.2019 & 01.11.2019	Sleeper & Genera
04073	Varanasi	09:50	New Delhi	01:45	1 50	Sun, Wed, Sat	On 27, 30.10.2019 & 02.11.2019	
04924	Chandigarh	23:20	Gorakhpur	17:30	leakly	Thu	Upto 31.10.2019	1st AC, AC 2 Tier AC 3 Tier,
04923	Gorakhpur Anand Vihar (T)	22:10	Chandigarh	14:25	3	Fri	Upto 01.11.2019 On 02.11.2019	Sleeper & Genera
04045	Gorakhpur	17:25	Anand Vihar (T)	07:15	Wenkly	Sun	On 27.10.2019 & 03.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie Sleeper & Genera
04418	H. Nizamuddin	21:35	Pune	21:25	kly	Tue	Upto 05.11.2019	1st AC, AC 2 Tier
04417	Pune	05:15	H. Nizamuddin	05:35	Wee	Thu	Upto 07.11.2019	AC 3 Tier
04044	Anand Vihar (T)	00:10	Gaya Jn.	20:20	ekly	Sun	On 27.10.2019 & 03.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04043	Gaya Jn.	23:20	Anand Vihar (T)	17:05	We	Sun	On 27.10,2019 & 03,11,2019	Sleeper & Genera
04022	Anand Vihar (T)	20:30	Patna Anand Vibar (T)	17:45	Wackly	Sat	On 02.11.2019	AC 3 Tier,
04021	Patna Delhi Jn.	20:30	Anand Vihar (T)  Muzaffarpur Jn.	13:00	A App	Sat Wed, Sat	On 02.11.2019 Upto 02.11.2019	***************************************
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04010	Anand Vihar (T)	23:45	Jogbani	05:20	kty	Tue	Upto 05.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04009	Jogbani	09:00	Anand Vihar (T)	16:05	Wee	Thu	Upto 07,11,2019	Sleeper & Genera
04038	Delhi Jn.	20:50	Chhapra	15:30	Weekly	Sat, Tue	Upto 05.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04037	Chhapra	23:30	Delhi Jn.	18:15	BI-M	Sun, Wed	Upto 06.11.2019	Sleeper & Genera
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04193	Agra Cantt.	10:40	Jammu Tawi	01:25	Jy (	Fri	Upto 13.12.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
04194	Jammu Tawi	05:30	Agra Cantt.	21:00	Washi	Sat	Upto 14.12.2019	Sleeper & Genera
82107	Mumbai (CSMT) (Suvidha)	14:10	Lucknow	13:15	ekly	Tue	Upto 05.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie
01020	Lucknow (Suvidha)	15:00	Mumbai (CSMT)	17:35	Wee	Wed	Upto 06.11.2019	Sleeper & Genera
81453	Pune (Suvidha)	21:30	Gorakhpur	08:30	heekly	Mon Wed	Upto 04.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tie Sleeper & Genera
01454	Gorakhpur (Suvidha) Saharanpur	10:45	Pune Ambala Cantt	21:00	*		Upto 06.11.2019	San Serier
04921	Ambala Cantt	20:40	Ambaia Cantt Saharanpur	22:40	Daily	Daily	Upto 15.11.2019 Upto 15.11.2019	General
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Ţ	09006	New Delhi (Suvidha)	14:50	Mumbai Central	06:55	THINE	Sat, Mon. Wed	Upto 02.11.2019 & 21.12.2019 to 01.01.2020	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier
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	04027	Dwarka	20:00	New Delhi	01:45	02 Trip	Tue	On 05.11.2019	Sleeper & General
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	09021	Bandra (T)	05:10	Jammu Tawi	15:30	(seidy.	Молдау	Upto 30,12,2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier,
	09022	Jammu Tawi	02:30	Bandra (T)	10:20	W	Wednesday	Upto 01.01,2020	AC Chair Car
	82911	Udhana (Suvidha)	23:55	Chhapra	06:15	rekly	Sunday	Upto 10,11,2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General
er	82912	Chhapra (Suvidha)	07;50	Udhana	13:15	M	Tuesday	Upto 12,11,2019	Steeper & General
er.	82941 09414	Ahmedabad (Suvidha) Delhi Sarai Rohilla	16:10	Delhi Saral Rohilla Ahmedabad	06:50	Weekly	Friday Saturday	On 01.11.2019 On 02.11.2019	AC 3 Tier
al	09413	Ahmedabad	16:10	Delhi	06:50	1	Friday	Upto 29.11.2019	
i	09414	Humsafar Delhi Sarai Rohilla Humsafar	15:50	Sarai Rohilla Ahmedabad	07:00	Week	Saturday	Upto 30.11,2019	AC 3 Tier
-	82945	Gandhidham (Suvidha)	17:40	Bhagalpur	20:15	ekily	Friday	On 01.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier,
al	09452	Bhagalpur (Suvidha)	06:30	Gandhidham	08:00	We	Monday	On 28.10.2019 & 04.11,2019	Sleeper & General
	09451	Gandhidham (Suvidha)	17:40	Bhagalpur	20:15	pelify	Friday	08.11.2019 to 29.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Steeper & General
er.	09452	Bhagalpur (Suvidha)	06:30	Gandhidham	08:00	×	Monday	11.11.2019 to 02.12.2019	Steeper & General
al	04526	Sirhind	12:20	Saharsa	19:30	3 Trips	Wednesday	On 30,10,2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General
	04525	Saharsa	20:30	Ambala Cantt.	05:30	133	Sun, Thu	On 27 & 31.10.2019	Steeper & General
	04092	New Delhi	09:20	Jaynagar	11:15	92	Tue, Fri	On 29:10:2019 & 01:11:2019	
	04091	Jaynagar	15:30	New Delhi	19:30	198	Sun Wed, Sat	On 27, 30.10.2019 & 02,11,2019	Sleeper & General
	82101	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	23:05	Varanasi	01:30	hly	Sunday	Upto 03.11,2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier.
	82102	Varanasi	05:00	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	08:20	Week	Tuesday	Upta 05,11,2019	Sleeper & General
	82109	Pune	00:25	Hazrat Nizammudin	01:00	No.	Tuesday	Upto 05.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier,
er,	82110	Hazrat Nizammudin	04:00	Pune	07:25	Wee	Wednesday	Upto 06.11.2019	Sleeper & General
-	82119 82120	Lokmanya Tilak (T) Gorakhpur	15:45	Gorakhpur Lokmanya Tilak (T)	12:45	Weekly	Saturday	Upto 09.11.2019 Upto 10.11.2019	AC 2 Tier. Sleeper & General
5	82016	Anand Vihar (T)	23:45	Jogbani	05:20		Thursday	On 31.10.2019	201-00-00
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er l	04042		00:10	Jaynagar	23:45	ly (ii)	Tuesday	On 29.10,2019	
Щ	04041	Jaynagar	01:35	Anand Vihar (T)	00:45	Week	Wednesday	On 30.10.2019	AC 3 Tier
è	04920	Ferozpur (via Delhi)	16:45	Darbhanga	04:00	pikly	Friday	On 01.11.2019	General
	04919	Darbhanga	15:30	Ferozpur (via Delhi)	04:55	*	Sunday	On 27.10.2019 & 03.11.2019	General
5	04090		12:45	Bhagalpur Anand Vihar (T)	10:10	12	Mon, Fri Tue, Sat	On 28.10.2019 & 01.11.2019 On 29.10.2019 & 02.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General
or.	04034		00:10	C-2-1-2-1-1	23:45	-	Wednesday	On 30.10.2019	
al	04033	Jaynagar	01:35	Anand Vihar (T)	00:45	02 Trip	Thursday	On 31.10.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General
er,	04062	New Delhi	10:55	Darbhanga Jn.	10:30	Trips	Tue	On 29,10,2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier
al	04061	Darbhanga Jn.	12:00	New Delhi	13:10	02.1	Wed	On 30,10.2019	& Sleeper
1	04058	New Delhi	00:20	Darbhanga	23:55	Trips	Mon, Thu	On 28 & 31,10,2019	Sleeper
31	04057 82406	Darbhanga New Delhi	10:55	New Delhi Saharsa	11:30	2	Tue, Fri	On 29,10,2019 & 01,11,2019	111612-1612-
al	04031	Saharsa	18:00	New Delhi	19:50	DA Trips	Sun, Fri Mon, Sat	On 27.10.2019 & 01.11.2019 On 28.10.2019 & 02.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier & Sleeper
	04086	Anand Vihar (T)	19:25	Saharsa	20:00	SQ.	Sun, Thu	On 27 & 31.10.2019	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
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er,	82365 03266	Patna Anand Vihar (T)	20:30 18:35	Anand Vihar (T)	14:20 16:30	DE TVIDS	Sun, Thu Mon, Fri	On 03, 07 & 10.11.2019 On 04, 08 & 11.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier & Sleeper
3	82527	Darbhanga (Suvidha)	21:30	Delhi	22:10	sdp	Monday	On 04.11.2019	AC 3 Tier,
	82528	Delhi (Suvidha)	00:10	Darbhanga	23:45	1 02.1	Wednesday	On 06.11.2019	Sleeper & General
er.	05531	Saharsa Special	21:35	Delhi Saharsa Special	02:00	Weekly	Tue, Friday	On 05 & 08.11.2019 On 07 & 10.11.2019	Sleeper & General
	04662	Delhi Firozpur Cantt Jn.	01:30	H. Sahib Nanded	13:00	台	Thu, Sunday Thursday	Upto 14.11,2019	1222
	04661	H. Sahib Nanded	09:00	Firozpur Cantt Jn.	22:50	Week	Saturday	Upto 16.11:2019	AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General
er,	09809	Kota Jn.	20:20	Hazrat Nizamuddin	03:15	Daily	Daily	Upto 30.11.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier,
al	09810	Hazrat Nizamuddin	05:15	Kota Jn.	13:15	6	Daily	Upto 01.12.2019	Sleeper & General
or,	01707	Jabalpur Jn.	14:45	Atari Jn. Jabalpur Jn.	11:45	Weekly	Tuesday Wednesday	Upto 31.12.2019 Upto 01.01.2020	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General
3i	01709	Jabalpur Jn.	06:00	Atari Jn.	11:45		Saturday	Upto 28,12,2019	ACOTION ACOTION
er,	01710	Atari Jn.	14:45	Jabalpur Jn.	19:50	Weskly	Sunday	Upto 29,12,2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier, Sleeper & General
	01701	Jabalpur	15:15	Haridwar Jn.	12:55	yearly	Wednesday	Upto 25.12.2019	AC 2 Tier, AC 3 Tier,
al	01702	Haridwar Jn.	14:45	Jabalpur	12:25	W	Thursday	Upto 26.12.2019	Sleeper & General
er,	04781	Bhatinda Jn. Anupgarh	12:30	Anupgarh Bhatinda Jn.	11:55	Daily	Daily	Upto 31.12.2019	Sleeper & General
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## Classifieds

#### PERSONAL

I, Rajendra Singh S/O Raghubir Singh R/O B-7/108, JJ. Colony, Bhalswa Dairy, Libaspur, Delhi-110042. Changed My Name To Rajinder Kumar. 0040517658-8

I, Nitesh Kumar S/o Roop Kumar R/o-RZ-F-I/336-337, Sampark Apartment, Mahavir Enclave, N.Delhi-110045 have changed my name to Nitesh Bhatt.

I, Ravinder Aggarwal S/O Muket Lal Gupta R/O Bfh-2,I-Floor, 0040517672-1 ShalimarBagh West, Delhi-110088. Changed My Name to Ravinder Kumar Aggarwal.

0040517658-4

0070680693-

B,Ag 1-Block, Vikaspuri, Delhi-110018. Have Changed My Name To Jyoti Kumari 0040517658-3

I, Jyoti D/O Saket Bihari R/O 131-

I, Rajesh Kumar Sah, S/o

New Delhi-110091, have

effect from 14-Oct-2019.

Sitaram Sah R/o F-8 B, First

changed my name to Rehan

Floor, Gali no-3, Panday Nagar,

Ansari. I have embraced Islam

and renounced Hinduism with

L Shrif Ali S/O Sakir Ali R/O K-2-85-82/2, Harijan Basti, Sangam-Vihar, New Delhi-110062, Changed My Name To Mohammad Sharif.

0040517658-7

I. Zafar Aqueel S/O S.A.Khan. R/O H.No.D-258/1, Fifth-Floor, Abulfazal-Enclave-I, Okhla, Jamia-Nagar, N.Delhi-110025, Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Anam Zafar Aged 16-Years To Fatima Anam Zafar, For All Purposes.

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#### **MATRIMONIAL**



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#### **NRI/GREEN CARD**

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#### SIKH/PUNJABI

SM4 Khatri 27, 5'9", Fair, Slim, Software Engineer working in Toronto, Canadian PR seeks Slim, Fair Professionally Qualified girl. Send Profile & Photo by WhatsApp 8076429931 OR Emai gurvindermarwah@yahoo.co 0050156672-1



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#### LOST & FOUND

**Lost** 2 Sale Deed in favour of Gopal Bansal & Pushpa Gupta against our Property No.89-90, Block-A, Pocket-3, Sector-28, Rohini, Delhi-85. Finder may Contact-Gopal Bansal at above noted address.

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#### LOST & FOUND

Gurdial R/o D-5/1101, Aloha Apartments, Sector-57, sushant lok extn-3, Gurgaon - 122003 was having shares of RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED in joint name with my father but he has expired late back or Folio no. 50172104. Certificate nos.: 10629589, 53276894-895

Distinctive Nos: 190004146 - 4185 (40 Shares), 1247280355 0394 (40 Shares)

Folio No. 50172112, certificate nos 10629590, 53276896-897 58326413, Distinctive nos 190004186-4225 (40shares) 1247280395-0434 (40shares) 1619313162-179 (18 shares) Above mentioned physical shares have been lost in transit. FIR No. 0062/2019 Dated 10/06/2019

#### LOST & FOUND Ne, Mrs. Gulshan Raj kaur w/c

Late Sh. Gurdial Singh R/oD-5/110. Aloha Apartments. Sector 57, Sushant lok extn-3, Gurgaon 122003 is joint holder with Mr. Harjot singh, was having shares of RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED

Name: Mrs. GULSHAN RAJ KAUR Jt: HARJOTSINGH.

10/06/2019

Ground Floor Shalimar Bagh New Delhi 10088, do hereby disown/ debar her so Shri Pulkit Sharma and his Wife Mrs Ann Mary Both R/o AG-504 Shalimar Bag, Ne Delhi-110088 and Grand Son Master Key Sharma from her moveable and immova roperties and severe all relations with the due to uncivilized behaviour and ill-treatm given by them.

Any body dealing with them shall be going s

at his own cost and risks and my clientes shall not be responsible in any manner an they will be doing at their own cost and risks Jitendra Panchar

(Advocate Ch. No. 330, Western Wing Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-54

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

My clients Sh. Parshuram Sharma S/o Budh Singh and Smt. Madhulata Sharma W. Sh. Parshuram Sharma R/o 9-A, Pocket B Mayur Vihar Phase-II, Delhi-110091, hav severed all . their relations from their so namely Gaurav Sharma and his wife Shik Sharma due to their inimical behavio nisconduct, illegal acts, and disrespectfo behaviour and they shall not be entitled for any share whatsoever in any movable nmovable property of my clients in an nanner and if anybody deals with them sha do so at their own risk cost ar consequences and my .clients shall not be

esponsible for any act, deeds and thing

Prashant Rathor (Advocate Plot No. 22, Street No. 18 karkardooma Village, Delhi-92

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Jagdish Prasad AND Mrs. Vimla Dev W/o Shri Sushil Kumar both residents of F-95, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi - 110092 have severed all their relations with thei daughter Ms. Anjali Goyal, D/o Shr Vinod Nagar, Delhi- 110092, for a intents and purposes from the date publication. My aforesaid clients als debar their above named daughter from all movable and immovable properties a she is out of control of my clients and he behaviour and attitude towards m clients is very much rude, indifferent an curel. As such, my clients are no interesed to have any relations with their above daughter. Whoever deals with he shall be doing so at his/her/ their own risk. costs and consequences and my aforesaid clients shall not be responsible

> Sd/- RAJESH MISHRA (Advocate F-7, LGF, Jangpura Extension

PUBLIC NOTICE office is heleby given to the general public on behalf of my client Nakui Garg SVN Group DP-1. Pitampura, New Delhi-110034 that the premises situated at First & Second Floor of M-72, Greater Kallash-I New Delh: 110048 and the salon operated there from ("Said Property") is no associated linked with Mr. Aslim Halom. his brand or the company named MA Franthise Hah Lounge Private Limited having its registered office at Krishna House, Ground Fleor, 27 Gold Link Road. Bandra (W), Muinhai ("Company") in avy October 22, 2019.

Sanjay Padam Jain (Advocate) Ch. No. 453 A & B. Western Wings Tis Hazan, Delni-54

#### PUBLIC NOTICE W/O Lt. Sh. Ashok Kumar Sharm

Agreement to Sell dt. 16.09.2014 in favor of Sh. Kishore Ravindra Dhamal, Sh. Santosh Sharma and Sh. Mool Chand Sharma for Khasra no. 1092 situated at Aram Bagh Rani Jhansi Road, Banskoli Patt Delhi. Since the abovementioned did not follow any terms and condition of the said agreement, my clien hereby terminates the G.P.A. and agreement to sell vide

SHEEL PATHAK (Advocate) Enrl. No: D/3844/17 E-616, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi-3

PUBLIC NOTICE

that I Sankar Kanti, Age about 54 years, S Late Shri Bhuneshwar Kanti, R/o A-97. Block, J.J. Colony, Shiy Vihar, D.K. Moh Garden, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi-110059 That I am disowning my son whose name Manoi Kumar and is D.O.B is 01.01.2002 an whose UIDAI No. is 805072771083. Th rom today onwards 24.10.2019. I am n

will not have any kind of right and title on n

SUPRABH KUMAR ROSHA Chamber No. 351

Patiala House Court, New Del PUBLIC NOTICE

General public is hereby nformed that We Sh. Harvinder Kumar Bhasin, and Shrimat Nisha Bhasin R/o, D-149 Mansarover Garden, New Delh 110015 do hereby discwn and severe all our ties from our sor Sh. Karthik Bhasin from all our movable and immovable properties. We shall not be held responsible for his actions. For and behalf of

30/44, OLD RAJINDER NAGAR NEW DELHI -110060

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Shanta Ram acquired the property ille Plot Nu. W114 (2011 st.) vits (Jiwah Pisik area of Vitage-Bindapur, New Delh), vide Sale Deed oft, 21.04.1972 by Mr. Chhaftar Singh & Mr. Kartar Singh after that Mrs. Shanta Ram transferred her share vide regd. Will dated 24.5.1984 further Mrs. Shawita Ram had sold 100 eg vids, by virtue of GPA gated 23.10.1958 to Mi. Vinay Kumar and Mrs. Shakunta Ram is the undeputed owner of above said groperty till date. OR Any person I film / institution / company having any claim of institution / company having any claim o right in respect of the said Property by way of inhesitance share sale agreement, lease, license, gift, passession legal hers, partners or encumbrance howspeyer or otherwise is hereby required to infimate in writing to the undersigned within 07 days from the data of publication of this notice of hisherithing share or dain. If any with a supportunity of days may be also a publication of the large with a supportunity of days from the data. supporting documents at below mentioned address. After expiration of notice period, the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated null and void and also treated as waived and not binding on H.Ng. 26/161, Dasement, Vikoro Mes

PUBLIC NOTICE

ki. 26/161, Basement, Vikram Vihar Larpat Nagar 4, New Deihi 110024

It is to inform that my client Sh. Nitin Thukral, S/o Late Sh. Ramesh Thukral, R/o A-4/412, Paschim vihar, New Delhi-110063, do hereby declare that a suit for possession titled as RAMESH THUKRAL VS MUKESH SHARMA Bearing Civil Suit No. 94514/2016 was decided by SH. Anshul Mehta, Civil Judge, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi vide Final Judgement dated 01/10/2019 in the favour of plantiff and against Mukesh Sharma Sh. Nitin Thukral is one of the LR's of the deceased plaintiff Sh. Ramesh Thukral Therefore, Sh. Mukesh Sharma is left with no right, title or interest in the property bearing address Shop No.105, Deshbandhu Gupta Market, Ajmal Khan Road, Karol Bagh, New Delhi-110005. If any person enters into any agreement

shall be solely responsible for any kind of loss and damage caused.

UJJWAL JAIN (Advocate) Ch. No. 575, W., Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

with Sh. Mukesh Sharma for

the said property than such

agreement shall be null and

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Corrigendum

E-Tender No-09/EE(IC&CM)/2019-20 n above tender under clause h (iv) of PQ of tender document "Siemens/BHEL/Crompton Greaves (CGL)" shall be read as "Siemens/BHEL/Crompton Greaves (CGL)/ABB"

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website. Further Details can be seen from the website www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com EE(IC&CM), पत्रांक सं 608 दिनांक 25,10,2019 Ganga Bhawan, Dehradun

4, Meera Marg, Udaipur - 313001, Phone : (0294)2427177/2428763-67, Fax (0294)2428768, 2428739. Email:- contractsco.rsmml@rajasthan.gov.in

NIT No. & Date Ont- 26/

Description of Work Feeding of LGO into primary crusher hopper by using front end loader and tippers at IBO at Jhamarkotra mines. Contract value Rs. 254.00 lakh, EMD 5.08 lakh

UBN No. MML1920W50B00156 Tender Fees Rs. 4720/-Other terms & conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit us at our website www.rsmm.com or www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in or eproc.rajasthan.gov.in or contact SM (Contract ) on above address. SM (Admin. Raj\_Samwad/C/3413/2019-2020

Notice Inviting e-Tender

#### 📵 NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No.: N/539/ 02/OT/19-20/32

Dated 23.10.2019

'Open Tenders' through Ordine (E-Tendering) are invited by Divisional Railway Manager (Signal & Telecom) / Varanasi / N. E. Ruilway for and behalf of the President of India for the allowing works

Tender Notice No. and Description of Work: N/539/02/OT/19-20/32: Name of work: Provision of CCTV cameras at ARJ DEMU Shed in BSB Division Approx Value: Rs. 2180936,53, Earnest Money: Rs. 43600.00, Cost of Tender Form Rs. 3000.00, Completion Period 180 days Tender Closing date & Time: 19.11.2019 up to 15.00 Hrs. 1. Tender Online will be submitted up to 15

Hrs on date 19.11.2019. 2, For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the Official website of Indian railways i.e. www.ireps.gov.in Divl. Rly. Manager (S&T), Varanasi

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#### EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice no. 17/MC/Depot clean/2019-20 Dhanbad, dated 23, 10, 2019. E-Tender in Two Packet System are invited for execution fo the following work by Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (C&W), East Central Railway Dhanbad

1. Name of Work with its Location Outsourcing of daily cleaning of service building, sick line, ROH Shed & Open Yards at PEH, PTRU, BRWD & OBRA Freight Depot for a period of two years, 2. Approx. Cost of the work : ₹1,87,36,780.43 (Rupees One crore eighty seven Lakh thirty six thousand seven hundred eighty & forly three paise) only, 3. Earnest Money to be deposited - ₹2,43,700/- (Rupees Two lakh forty three thousand seven hundred) only. 4. Date & Time for submission of Tender 30.10.2019 to 13.11.2019 up to 17.00 Hrs. 5. Date & time of opening of Tender Technical Bid): At 12,30 hrs on 14,11,2019. 6. Date & time of opening of Tender (Financial Bid) : Will be informed after scruliny of technical bid. 7 Website particulars : http://www.ireps.gov.in No. manual tender will be accepted against etendenng.

Sr. Divisional Mechnical Engineer (C&W)/ PR/1520/DHN/Mech./T/19-20/40

#### NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Date- 24.10.2019

ई- निविदा सचना वरिष्य मंहल यांत्रिक इंजीनियर (सवारी य पाल)

अजमेर पारत के राष्ट्रपति एवं उनवीं आर से निम्नतिखित कार्य हेतु दिनांक 19.11.2019 को 15.00 बजे तक ई-मिविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। (1) कार्य का नाम : Pest & Rodent control in Udaipur based coaches and rodent control in Pil line, yard and coaching depot premises of Udaipur (including Mayli MG Depot) for a period of four years. कार्य की अवधि : 04 वर्ष निविदा दस्तावेज की कीमन : र 3000/- बयाना शशिः ₹87,800/- कार्य की अनुमानित लागत ₹42.76.306/- ई-प्रस्ताव का खुलना प्रस्ताव दिनाक 19,11 2019 को 15 30 बजे वांत्रिक शिधाग (सतमा), मंडल रेल प्रबंधक कार्यालय, उ.प.रे., माल राज, अलमर-308001 में खुलता। वेबसाइट का विवरण

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निविदा संशोधन सूचना सं0.-3

go go जल निगम की ओर से निविद आमंत्रण सूचना सं0 04 / 1009 / 072-0001 / Tender Notice/PPRBD/19 दिनांक 25.09.2019 एवं सूचना सं0 05 / 1009 / 072-0001 / Tender Notice/PPRBD/19 दिनांक 25.09 2019 BIVI "Request for proposals for selection and appointment of cosultant for project management and construction supervision services for various ongoing water supply & sewerage projects in diffrent local urban bodies of Zones of Eastern and Western Cluster of U.P. Jal Nigam in Uttar Pradesh. की हो पृथक निविदायें आमंत्रित की गयी है। सक्षम स्तर की अनमति सं निविदा संशोधन संख्या-3 जारी किया जा रहा है जो निविदा प्रथन के भाग मार्ग जायेग। निविदा क Corrigendum No.-३ का विस्तृत विवरण जल निगम के वेबसाइट www upjn.org 41 www.etender.up.nic. in से अथवा सम्बन्धित कार्यालय से

Government of Jharkhand Department of Information Technology and e-Governance Jharkhand Mantralaya, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004

प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

#### Tender ref. No.: Tender no. IT/UID-Rate Contract-2014 (Part File)-002

On behalf of Department of IT & e-Gov., Government of Jharkhand, the Principal Secretary, Department of IT & e-Gov., Government of Jharkhand invites ..... tenders from established, reliable and reputed IT Service Provider/ organizations for AMC of Aadhaar Enrolment Kit installed at Block offices and Jails in the state of Jharkhand to have the proper functioning of Permanent Aadhaar Enrolment Center (PEC) at blocks and jails in the state of Jharkhand for three vears. Entire maintenance will be given to one such organization and no intermediary will be entertained. The firm should have a track record of maintaining same type of AMC will have an advantage. The annual turn over of the firm should be an average of Rs.90 lakh in each of the last two years 2017-18 and 2018-19. The firm must have ISO or equivalent certification.

a) The tender form containing the details of terms and conditions duly filled in along with the demand draft for Earnest money in favor of Principal Secretary, Department of IT & e-Gov should reach to the Principal Secretary, Department of IT & e-Gov., 3rd Floor, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834004 latest by 17.12.2019 at 12:00 Noon and shall be opened on same day at 04.00 p.m.. One representative of the firm may be present at the time of opening of the Technical Bid.

(b) For any Technical clarification, you can reach us on Email ID: uitnetsupt@gmail.com or Phone no. 0651-2401028 on working days between 10:00 AM to 06:00 PM.

All interested eligible bidders are requested to submit their bids duly filled in as per the criteria given in this document: 1. Technical Bid and EMD should be sealed in a separate

envelope subscribing "Technical Bid for "Tender no. IT/UID-Rate Contract-2014(Part File)-002-AMC of Aadhaar Enrolment Kit". 2. Commercial Bid should be sealed in a separate envelope

subscribing "Commercial Bid for "Technical Bid for "Tender no. IT/UID-Rate Contract-2014(Part File)-002-AMC of Aadhaar Enrolment Kit". 3. Demand Draft for Earnest money in favor of Principal

Technical Bid subscribing "EMD for "Tender no. IT/UID-Rate Contract-2014(Part File)-002-AMC of Aadhaar Enrolment Kit". All envelops like Technical Bid, Commercial Bid and EMD should be enclosed and sealed in a separate envelope

Secretary, Department of IT & e-Gov must be put with the

super-subscribing the "Tender no. IT/UID-Rate Contract-2014(Part File)-002-AMC of Aadhaar Enrolment Kit". **IMPORTANT DATES:** (a) Name & Address of the Purchaser :- The Principal

Secretary, Department of IT & e-Gov., 3rd Floor, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834004 **(b)** Locations where the AMC Services :- At district in the state

of Jharkhand

© Place of submitting Tender (Hard Copy):-

The Principal Secretary,

Department of IT & e-Gov., 3rd Floor, Project Bhawan, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand-834004 (d) Bid Documents available from :- 26.10.2019 at 10:00

AM on www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in (e) End of sale of Bid Document :- 15.12.2019 at 12:00 Noon (f) Last date and time for submission of bids and scanned copy

of DD for Tender Fee and DD of EMD :- 15.12.2019 till 06:00 PM. (Online) (g) Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender is on or before

17.12.2019 at 12:00 Noon. (Hard Copy) (h) Date & Time of Opening of Technical bid:- 17.12.2019 at 4.00 PM

(i) Tender document fee -Rs.1,000/-(INR)(k) Earnest Deposit Money (EMD):- Rs.50,000/- (INR)

(I) DD in favour of

(I) Bank Details: - Bank of India (IFSC Code:

BKID0004998), Secretariat, Branch, Jharkhnad, Ranchi (m) Date till which the Tender is valid: - 180 days from the date

:-Principal Secretary, DoIT & e-Gov.

of opening of Financial bid. (Vikas Kumar) P.R.221025 Information Technology(19-20):D Under Secretary to Government

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(Government of karnataka Enterprise) Office of the Executive Engineer, Yettinahole Project Division No 4, Madhugin, Tumkur Dist-572132 Ph: 08137-282112 E-mail: eeyetmadhugiri4@gmail.com

SHORT TERM E-PROCUREMENT CORRIGENDUM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO-10-1. 11-1, 12-1, 13-1 DATED: 23.10.2019 (Through E-procurement system) The work called in Tender Notification No 10, 11, 12, 13 Dated; 30-09-2019, are modified as

SI Tender Details As per as per No Notification corrigendum 1 Amount put to tender for St no 1 work 40959.00 Lakhs 39099.99 Lakhs Amount put to tender for \$1 no 2 work 13722.71 Lakhs 13321.41 Lakhs Amount out to tender for \$1 no 3 work 14414.49 Lakhs 14620.96 Lakhs Amount put to tender for Si no 4 work 11220.89 Lakhs 10811.96 Lakhs The Contractor can have access to the e-tender 04.10.2019 to 24.10.2019 to document, i.e. the Tender Schedules, bid documents 04.11.2019 upto 07.11.2019 upto and other documents in the web site http://eproc. 16.30 Hrs karnataka.gov.inon payment of transaction fee

Note: The other Details and conditions mentined under tender notification remains unchanged Sd/- Executive Engineer, VJNL, YP Division No.04 Madhugin.

#### ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, राँची। ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सुचना

इ निविदा सूचना संख्या - RDD/SD/RANCHI/06/2019-20 1 कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी

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### Government of India **Board of Radiation & Isotope Technology**

Vashi Complex, Navi Mumbai 400703 October 29, 2019

Secretary

JIADA, Ranchi

#### TENDER NOTICE NO.: BRIT/KRUSHAK/2020-25/01.

Turbhe, Navi Mumbai-400703, for and on behalf of The President Of India hereby invites sealed. tenders from eligible entrepreneurs for the following work under a two part bidding system comprising of (i) Qualification cum Technical Bid and (ii) Price Bid.

Description Operation, maintenance and management of radiation processing plant (KRUSHAK) at Lasalgaon District-Nashik, Maharashtra for BARC/BRIT

on lease basis. Estimated Cost Not Applicable Bid Security

Tender documents will be available at the office of the Assistant Personnel Officer, BRIT Vashi Complex, behind APMC Fruit Market, near Govt. Ware House, Turbhe, Navi Mumbai-400703, and can be purchased on any working day between 10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. (excluding Sundays, Mondays and public holidays) from 29.10.2019 to 09.11.2019 on payment of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) + GST @ 18% per set in cash (non refundable) against written application and on production of (a) proof of 5 years experience of (i) Operation. maintenance & management or (ii) Design, installation & commissioning, of Gamma Radiation Processing Plant. (b) Proof of Net worth of Rs, 5 Crore for the year ending 31st March 2019, (c)

After examining these documents, blank tender forms shall be issued only to the firm prima facie found competent to carry out the tender job. Sale of tender/opening of tender does not imply acceptance/approval. Tenders will not be sent by post. The tenders will be issued only after the verification of certificates with the originals. Interested bidders may plan visit of the facility at their cost under intimation to us.

losses during last five years) (d) Proof of 5 Crore average annual turn over for last three years (e)

Latest Income Tax clearance Certificate (Last 5 years (f) List of Technical staff and administrative

should be deposited in the box provided at Security counter, Vashi Complex, behind APMC Fruit Market, near Govt. Ware House, Turbhe, Navi Mumbai-400 703, up to 14.00 hrs. on or before 21.11.2019. Technical Bids will be opened on 22.11.19 and Price bid will be opened on 03.12.19 contractors who desires to attend.

Offers which do not fulfill all or any of the above conditions and incomplete in any respect are liable to be summarily rejected.

For and on behalf of The President of India

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

वंबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - दिनाक 07.11 2019 ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय - दिनांक 11 11,2019 से दिनांक 19:11 2019 के अपराहन 5:00 बर्ज तक ।

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Designation and Address of the Advertiser Secretary JIADA, 5th Floor, New RIADA Building, Industrial Area, Namkum, Rarchi-34010

Period downloading of Bidding Documents -Start date 05.11.2019 Time 11.00 A.M. End date 11.11.2019 Time 5:00 P.M.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY

## Chief Executive, BRIT, Vashi Complex, behind APMC Fruit Market, near Govt. Ware House,

deposit at call Receipt issued in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer, BRIT)

Rs. 5,00,000/- (This deposit should be either in the form of Demand Draft or

staff available, (h) Proof of GST registration.

Lease period 5 years Performance Bank Guarantee: Rs. 60,00,000 (Rupees Sixty Lakhs only) Audited figures of loss & profit for last 5 financial years (The company should not have incurred

Tenders duly filled in should be placed in sealed cover, prescribed with the name of work,

by Senior Manager (Engineering Support), BRIT, in his office at 11.00 hrs. in the presence of such Acceptance of tenders will rest with the Chief Executive, BRIT, Vashi Complex, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any other offer and reserves to himself the right to reject any or all the offer received without assigning any reason whatsoever.

For further details regarding eligibility of contractors, conditions please visit www.britatom.gov.in Senior Manager (Engineering Support)

I, Niraj Kumar S/o Raj Kumar R/o 385, Mandir Wali Gali Baba Haridas Colony, Tikri Border, West Delhi-110041 have changed my name to Neeraj

Kumar for all future purposes. 0040517637-1 I, Naresh Kumar S/o, Shyam

Sunder R/o-H.No.RZ-11-B, 1st-Floor, Block-A, Dabri-Extn., Palam Village, Dwarka, Delhi-110045, have changed my name to Naresh Kumar Sharma.

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I, Mohammed Nadeem S/O Abdul Naeem Alias Jumman Khan R/O-E-42/8, Galino.11, Subhash Vihar, North Ghonda, Delhi-110053.Changed my

0040517658-2 I, Manvi D/o Mukesh Kumar R/o B-6/52, Sector-18, Rohini, Delhi-110089, have changed my name

Name to Nadeem.

to Manvi Chaudhary. 0040517658-1 I, Manoj Kumar S/o Arjun Dev R/o-244, sector-14, sonipat

changed my minor son name

Rehaan Arora to Siddharth

Arora, for all purposes.

0040517655-4 I, Neeru W/o Manoj Kumar R/o-244, sector-14, sonipat have changed my name Neeru Arora for all purposes. 0040517655-3

I, Madan Saini, S/o Gopichand

Rohini, Delhi-110085.have

R/o-B-52, Naharpur, Sector-7,

changed my minor son's name, from Himank Saini to Priyansh Saini. 0040517655-2 I, Jyoti Batra R/o 115, Upper Ground Floor, Pratap Nagar, Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064

have changed my name to Jyoti

, Honey Yasir S/o Syed Hifzur

Rehman R/o 462, Matia Mahal

Kapoor.

Fatima

0070680696-1

0040517631-

Jama Masjid Delhi-110006 have changed my name from Honey Yasir to Honey for all purposes. 0040516942-1 I, Hena Fatma W/o Nazim

Extension Kishan Kunj Laxmi

Nagar Delhi-110092 have

changed my name to Hena

Hussain R/o J-3/123 J-

I, Danish Bin Yahya S/o

Mohammed Yahya Siddiqui,

R/o-C-1,30/31, Krishna-appt.,

Block-C, Uttam-Nagar, Delhi-

Ram Arya, R/o. SF-2/75A, Sector-2, Vaishali, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201010 have changed my name from Devendra Ram Arya to Devendra Arya for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 25.10.2019. 0040517636-

I, Devendra Arya S/o. Sh. Kheem

110059, changed my daughter name, from Maira Danish to Ayesha Danish, for all purposes. 0040517655-I, Bhavesh S/o Khushal Singh R/o-53 Venus-Apartment,

Inder-Enclave Rohtak Road,

Paschim-Vihar, New Delhi-110087, Changed my name to Bhavesh Rana. 0040517658-10 I, Asha Rani Gauba W/o Sh. Anil Kumar R/o Flat No.3163, Sector-A, Pocket B & C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070, have

changed my name to Asha Rani

Gaba for all purposes. Asha

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Rani Gauba and Asha Rani

YOGAMBER SINGH NAYAL

residing at B-6, Type-III, Tower

one and same person.

I hitherto known as BHAGWANDEI D/o LATE SH. MAN SINGH, W/o SH.

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No-16, Kidwai Nagar East, New Delhi-110023 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as BHAGWATI NAYAL. 0040517638-1 I Snigdha Tripathi D/o Shri Ram Niwas Tripathi W/o Shri Ajay

Jindal R/o 43-B, FP-Block, Pitam

Pura, Delhi-110034 have

changed my name after

Rajkumar Talwar For All

Purposes.

marriage to Snigdha Jindal for all purposes. 0040517632-1 I Rajkumar S/O Ishwar Dass R/O H.No.5b/83, Nit, Faridabad, Haryana-121001, Have Changed My Name To

I Pradeep Kumar Aggarwal S/o Murari Lal R/o-H.No.14 Ashok Mohalla-Nangloi Delhi-110041. have changed my name to Pradeep Jindal 0040517658-9 I Jagsoran Kumar S/o Late

Extension, Shahdara, Delhi-110032 have changed my name to Udham Singh for all 0040517632-2 purposes. Balram S/o Sh.Kishan Prasad

Sh.Bhopal Singh R/o House

No.144, Gali No.04, Durgapuri

0040517658-5

I, VIRENDER SINGH MANN, Father of ARYAN MANN, R/o H.No.1433, Housing Board Colony, Sector-31, Gurgaon, Haryana, have changed my son's name from ARYAN MANN to ARYAN SINGH MANN. 0040517635-1

R/o 19A. Aggarwal Colony. Najafgarh, Delhi-110043 have changed my name to Balram Singh for all purposes. in joint name. 0040517632-3

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#### DIAMOND WORTH \$1.84 MILLION STOLEN

Japanese police are investigating a 200 million yen (\$1.84 million) diamond allegedly stolen from an international jewellery trade show near Tokyo. The 50-carat diamond was last seen sitting inside a glass showcase at 5 pm Thursday. An hour later, the diamond was gone and the jewellery case was unlocked, according to police.



Maria Butina. Reuters

#### **RUSSIA** 'Agent' freed by **US: 'Russians** don't surrender'

Moscow: Maria Butina clutched bouquets and exclaimed that "Russians don't surrender" as she arrived in Moscow on Saturday after serving nine months in a US jail for acting as a Russian government agent. Butina flew into Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport after being deported from Miami following her release Friday. "I didn't give up because I know I simply didn't have the right," Butina told a waiting crowd of journalists. "Russians don't surrender!" She was arrested in July 2018 on allegations of engaging in espionage.

#### **JAPAN**

#### Rescuers hunt for missing as landslides kill 10

Tokyo: Rescuers worked by hand to clear debris from a landslide triggered by heavy rains in central Japan on Saturday, as the toll from the storms rose to 10 dead with a further three people reportedly missing. Aerial footage showed emergency workers removing wreckage from two houses that were swept away in Chiba, just two weeks after a deadly typhoon barrelled through the area. Nine people were killed by landslides and floods in the region, including two elderly men found dead in submerged cars, officials and news reports said.

#### **PAKISTAN**

#### **Sharif suffers** angina attack at hospital

Islamabad: Former Pakistan prime minister Nawaz Sharif on Saturday suffered angina pain while undergoing treatment at a Lahore hospital, according to a media report. Sharif suffered angina pain in the morning while undergoing treatment at the hospital, the Dawn News reported quoting Services Institute of Medical Sciences (SIMS) Principal Dr Mahmood Ayaz. Earlier, Sharif's lawyer Khawaja Haris claimed the former premier had suffered a "minor heart attack" last night and that his "life is in danger".



TOLL IN IRAQ PROTEST CROSSES 40

Demonstrators during a protest over corruption, lack of jobs and poor services, in Baghdad on Saturday. Reuters

## US meets China, Russia, Pakistan to talk about peace in Afghanistan

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** ISLAMABAD, OCTOBER 26

REPRESENTATIVES OF Russia, China, the United States and Pakistan agreed Friday that negotiation is the only road to peace in Afghanistan, including an early resumption of direct US talks with the Taliban.

The day-long talks in Moscow came ahead of an intra-Afghan dialogue to be hosted by China. The Beijing talks, which are to be held next week, were postponed, according to officials familiar with the talks. Speaking on condition they not be identified because of they were not authorized to talk about the subject, they said the postponement would be brief but no new date was given.

There has been no official announcement of a postpone-

**SIMON MARKS** 

people.

Wednesday.

ADDIS ABABA, OCTOBER 26

WEEKS AFTER receiving the

Nobel Peace Prize, Prime

Minister Abiy Ahmed is coming

under harsh criticism over his

silence in the face of protests

this week that police said had

resulted in the deaths of 67

meeting of African leaders in

the Black Sea resort town of

Sochi, Russia when thousands

of people took to the streets of

the Ethiopian capital and sev-

eral regional towns on

by a prominent critic of the

prime minister who had ac-

cused the police of plotting an

attack on him. The critic, Jawar

Mohammed, is the founder of

an independent media net-

work, and claimed that there

was a plan to arrest or possibly

kill him at his house in the cap-

The protests were spurred

Abiy remained at a summit

67 killed in Ethiopia

unrest, Nobel-winning

prime minister silent



At the site of suicide attack in Jalalabad. The Taliban claimed the attack. AP

ment, but previous intra-Afghan talks have been delayed while both sides squabbled over participants. Earlier on Friday, a government official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason, had said Ghani

Abiy Ahmed was awarded

the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize

Thirteen of those who died in

the protests were killed by secu-

rity forces and the remainder

died in sporadic fighting that

broke out between rival groups,

said Kefvalew Tefera, the re-

gional police commissioner for

were injured. He did not say

what the root cause of that fight-

ing was or what groups were

He said that another 213

ital, Addis Ababa.

the Oromia region.

## Picking up from talks in July, September

THE MOSCOW talks are a prelude to the China-hosted dialogue, which will be the first time the warring Afghan forces will meet face-to-face since July. Since then, a US attempt to finalise a peace deal too fell apart in September.

Afghanistan's President, Ashraf Ghani, who had objected to any talks not led by his government, is also likely to send envoys. As the conflict has led to over 8,000 civilian casualties this year alone, the most pressing demand is likely to be a reduction of violence while a post-war future is discussed.

was opposed to participation in the talks.

It wasn't clear what changed Ghani's mind or whether he had requested a postponement, but a number of prominent Afghans from Kabul are expected to attend the China meeting, including former President Hamid Karzai, who has been a strong proponent of direct talks with the Taliban. He participated in earlier sessions of talks with the Taliban held in Moscow.

## Bigger role for women in Catholic Church? 185 men will decide

**ELISABETTA POVOLEDO** ROME, OCTOBER 26

THE VATICAN'S extraordinary three-week meeting of bishops from the Amazon region, which ends this weekend, has generated intense debate within the church over the possibility of ordaining older, married men in remote areas.

But those gathered will also make important proposals about the role of the region's women in the Roman Catholic Church. While a handful of those women have been present for the conversation, as usual, none of them

will actually have a say. That imbalance at the synod, as the meeting is known, has disappointed women from organizations that have been lobbying for the church to give women more

decision-making power. Instead, the decisions will be left to 185 men, who are discussing the possibility of women

🌈 🌈 In Brazil, most Catechists are women, leaders of local communities are women... they bring the ministry forward... but they are not visible because they don't have institutional recognition.'

MISSIONARY

- NILMA DO CARMO DE JESUS

sharing pastoral responsibilities with priests or even the potential ordination of women deacons.

Those voting on the proposals include bishops, priests, and one religious brother, but no women, though nearly three dozen women were invited to take part as experts and auditors.

Catholic women activists carried a banner that read, "Empowered Women Will Save the Earth, Empowered Women Will Save the Church." **NYT** 

#### **'RULING AFFIRMS HOUSE AUTHORITY'**

## Trump impeachment probe legal, release Mueller papers: Judge

**JAN WOLFE&** SARAHNLYNCH OCTOBER 26

AUS judge on Friday validated the legality of the Democratic-led impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump and ordered his administration to hand over an unredacted copy of former special counsel Robert Mueller's report detailing Russian meddling in the 2016 election.

US District Judge Beryl Howell, handing a major victory to the Democratic-led House of Representatives, undercut an argument that Trump's fellow Republicans have made in attacking the impeachment inquiry. The judge said the House need not approve a resolution formally initiating the effort.

The US Constitution gives the House wide latitude in handling impeachment. Democrats began the inquiry without putting such a resolution to a vote. The judge gave the Justice Department until next Wednesday to provide the blacked out material from the Mueller report that was subpoenaed by the House Committee.

"The reality is that DOJ and the White House have been openly stonewalling the House's efforts to get information by subpoena and by agreement, and

#### **GIULIANI ACCIDENTALLY CALLS REPORTER** TWICE; SPOKE ABOUT CASH, BIDENS

#### **RUDOLPH GIULIANI**

President Trump's personal lawyer, and a key figure in the impeachment inquiry, managed to inadvertently telephone an *NBC News* reporter and leave a voice message filled with snippets of an overheard conversation

**WE NEED SOME MONEY** In the recording, Giuliani is heard discussing business in Turkey and Bahrain. At one point, he declares: "The problem is we need some money... We need a

few hundred thousand"

the White House has flatly stated that the Administration will not cooperate with congressional requests for information," the judge wrote, using an acronym for the Justice Department. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi

called the ruling "another blow to President Trump's attempt to put himself above the law." "This critical court ruling af-

firms Congress's authority to ex-

pose the truth for the American

**NOT THE FIRST TIME** In an earlier voice mail message left in September, he can be heard railing against the family of Joseph R Biden Jr,

suggesting with no

evidence that he knows

the former vice president

of corrupt activities by

people," Pelosi said in a statement The Justice Department had argued that the redacted information could not be disclosed because it contained material from grand jury proceedings that was required to be kept secret

"DOJ is wrong," Howell said, adding that the committee's need for disclosure of the materials "is greater than the need for continued secrecy." **REUTERS** 

but the judge strongly disagreed.



Recep Erdogan

### Will clear 'terrorists' from border if deal fails: Erdogan

**REUTERS** ANKARA, OCTOBER 26

PRESIDENT RECEP Tayyip Erdogan said on Saturday that Turkey would "clear terrorists" on its border in northern Syria if Syrian Kurdish militia did not withdraw by the end of a deadline agreed with Russia.

"If the terrorists are not cleared at the end of the 150 hours, we will take control and clean it ourselves," Erdogan said during a televised speech.

Erdogan and Russian President Vladimir Putin agreed a deal in the Black Sea resort of Sochi in which Moscow will "facilitate the removal" of the fighters and their weapons from within 30 km (18 miles) of the border.

Erdogan said Turkey had "to a large extent" reached its goal in terms of setting up a "safe zone" to protect against attacks from the IS extremist group and the Kurdish YPG militia.

#### **REUTERS** MOSCOW, OCTOBER 26

international

US plans in Syria

banditry: Russia

RUSSIA'S DEFENCE ministry on Saturday attacked US plans to maintain and boost the American military presence in eastern Syria as "international state banditry" motivated by a

desire to protect oil smugglers and not by real security con-**US Defense Secretary Mark** 

Esper said on Friday Washington would send armoured vehicles and troops to the Syrian oil fields in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of Islamic State militants.

His comments came after President Donald Trump earlier this month pulled some 1,000 US military personnel out of northeast Syria, a move that prompted Turkey to launch a cross-border incursion targeting the Kurdish YPG militia, a former US ally against Islamic State.

Trump's decision drew an angry backlash from Congress, including key Republicans who saw the pullout as a betrayal of the Kurds and a move that could bolster Islamic State.

In a statement, Russia's defence ministry said Washington had no mandate under international or US law to increase its military presence in Syria and

## **HEADED TO SYRIA**

■ The US will send armoured vehicles and troops to eastern Syria to keep oil fields from falling into the hands of IS militants, **Defense Secretary** Mark Esper said

■ Adding armored reinforcements could mean sending several hundred US troops to the region

Sending an armored force to eastern Syria would partially reverse the ongoing shrinkage of the United States' troop presence in Syria.

said its plan was not motivated by genuine security concerns in the region.

"Therefore Washington's current actions — capturing and maintaining military control over oil fields in eastern Svria is, simply put, international state banditry," it said.

US troops and private security companies in eastern Syria are protecting oil smugglers who make more than \$30 million a month, the statement said.

### TECHNOLOGY DOMINATES TOP 10, OVERTAKES INVESTMENTS TO GET THIRD PLACE

involved. **NYT** 

## In China rich list: Jack Ma retains top spot; pork producers jump to top 20

**SOWMIYA ASHOK** BEIJING, OCTOBER 26

SELLING 5.8 million pigs in a China riddled by African Swine Fever catapulted a pig farmercouple into the top 20 spot of the 2019 Hurun China Rich List, released in early October.

Qin Yinglin (54) and his wife Qian Ying (53), owners of Shenzhen-listed Muyuan, broke into the higher echelons of the country's rich list when their wealth tripled after selling pigs in a market where pork prices shot up due to an outbreak of swine fever. The list is the ranking of the richest individuals in China with a wealth cut off of

CNY 2 billion (\$290 million). While 'Hotpot King' Zhang

Yong and his wife Shu Ping who own Haidilao, a chain of hotpot restaurants, made it to the top 10, 'Soya Sauce King' Pang Kang saw his wealth grow as well. As many as 1,819 individuals made the wealth cut-off of CNY 2 billion, with an average age of 54. Eleven people born in the 90s made the list, of them two selfmade 27-year-olds: Chen Xiaoliang of online advertiser Duiba and Ge Yuesheng of Bitcoin miner Bitmain.

Over a week after the list was released, a Credit Suisse report revealed that the US (\$3.8 trillion), China (\$1.9 trillion) and Europe (\$1.1 trillion) contributed the

most to global wealth growth. Moreover, China now accounts for 100 million of the richest 10 per cent of people in the world.

Technology dominated the top 10 of the Hurun China Rich List this year. Specifically, the top two spots of the list: former chairman of Alibaba Group Jack Ma remained the richest man on the Chinese mainland with a net worth of \$39 billion according to the list released annually.

He was followed by Chairman and CEO of Tencent Holdings Pony Ma — not related to Jack — with a net worth of \$37 billion.

Though tech overtook investments to assume third place, manufacturing and real estate



Jack Ma retained the top spot with a net worth of \$39 billion

still make up just under 40 per cent of the list. Of the proportion of women on the list, 70 per cent are self-made, according to Hurun Research Institute. The country's richest woman is Yang

Huiyan, 38, scion of property developer Country Garden with \$25 billion.

"You might say that China has 1.4 billion people, and the US only has over 300 million people. Of course, China has more billionaires. But you have to realize that in 1978, the Chinese had nothing. If you count the billionaires on a list like this, it signifies many things," Renmin University Business School Associate Professor Majid Ghorbani told *The Indian Express*.

Ghorbani said that in contrast, many Chinese billionaires are "self-made". "Not only does China has the highest number of self-made billionaires, but also self-made women billion-

aires, which indicates more equal opportunity for women... compared to many other countries." he said.

While the list is seen as a snapshot of China's private sector on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, it is also the first time in 21 years that it has shrunk for two consecutive years.

"While last year could be put down to a 20 per cent drop in the stock exchange, on the back of a slowing economy and the US-China trade, this year - in a year when stock markets have risen slightly - the shrink in the list is due to the impact of the digital economy. Tech entrepreneurs

ditional powerhouses of manufacturing and real estate," Rupert Hoogewerf, Chairman and Chief Researcher of Hurun Report said in a statement. "Wealth is concentrating into the hands of those who are able to adapt to the digital economy." China's capital city of Beijing

are replacing those from the tra-

has the highest concentration of rich listers - 16% of the list while Shenzhen, Shanghai Hangzhou, Guangzhou and Hong Kong followed. Fun fact about rich listers' Chinese star signs: "Those born in the Year of the Rabbit top the list for the eighth consecutive year, followed by dragons. Rats are still the worst performers this year."

#### FOREX KITTY CROSSES \$440 BILLION

New Delhi: Continuing its northward surge, India's foreign exchange reserves have swelled by \$1.039 billion to a new life-time high of \$440.751 billion for the week ended October 18, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday. PTI

#### ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITALS PLANS TO HOLD MEETINGS ACROSS FOUR CITIES

## CGHS: Empanelled hospitals claim unpaid dues, may reassess cashless services

Pune and Ahmedabad. They will

take a decision on whether they

want to continue with the

scheme, whether they want to

withdraw from it completely or if

they want to only stop providing

cashless services under the

scheme," said Girdhar Gyani, di-

rector general, Association of

ment has entered into agree-

ments with hospitals which it has

not followed, and this surmount-

ing of arrears puts hospitals in a fi-

nancial unviability. In the process,

the people who are beneficiaries

are treated by hospitals as second

or third grade citizens, because

they don't like them to come as

payments for treating them do

"The main issue is the govern-

Healthcare Providers (India).

PRABHARAGHAVAN& **AANCHAL MAGAZINE** NEW DELHI. OCTOBER 26

A NUMBER of private hospitals empanelled under the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) are considering a move to stop providing cashless services to beneficiaries of the healthcare programme, citing frustration with delays in payment of dues from the government.

An association of hospitals plans to hold meetings next week across four cities to thrash out a consensus, going forward, on their participation in the scheme, even as one Delhi-based hospital has decided to entirely end its association with the scheme.

The Health Ministry, at the same time, is learnt to have sent a request for additional funds of over Rs 1,000 crore for CGHS in the next Budget. A majority of these funds are expected to be used "towards payment of hospital bills and procurement of medicines", senior Health Ministry officials close to the development told *The* Indian Express. Delhi-based Pushpawati Singhania Hospital and Research Institute (PSRI) said it will no longer be on the CGHS panel starting October 26.

The scheme promises comprehensive medical care to nearly 35 lakh central government employees and pensioners. Pensioners, ex- and sitting Members of Parliament, freedom fighters and employees serving at CGHS. Directorate General of Health Services and the Health

HOSPITALS EMPANELLED UNDER CGHS

Region	2014	2018/2019
Delhi & NCR	94	177
Maharashtra (Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur)	83	95
Uttar Pradesh (Allahabad, Kanpur and Meerut)*	65	84
Telangana (Hyderabad)	20	51
West Bengal (Kolkata)	4	8
Karnataka (Bengaluru)	5	20
Tamil Nadu (Chennai)	10	16
Madhya Pradesh (Bhopal and Jabalpur)*	30	37
Gujarat (Ahmedabad)	10	15
Empanelled hospitals, excluding exc	clusive eye care a	and dental-focussed

\*Data for Lucknow and Indore unavailable for 2014 29) ... in Bangalore, Hyderabad,

facilities and diagnostic centres; Source: CGHS website;

Ministry are entitled to cashless services at empanelled providers. Pensioners and their depend-

ents account for around 11 lakh of registered beneficiaries, said government sources. It is not clear how many beneficiaries fall under the other categories eligible for cashless services. The government might be mulling a revamp of the scheme and has reportedly sought suggestions from beneficiaries and stakeholders on this until November 30.

Private hospitals currently servicing patients under the scheme argue that operations are becoming unsustainable.

"CGHS has been defaulting on payments to us, and they have not revised the rates, so hospitals will be meeting next week (October AHPI represents hundreds of private hospitals across India, including Apollo, which withdrew its participation in the scheme in Delhi several years ago, as well as Max and Fortis, which still have hospitals empanelled under

It is unclear whether hospitals in Delhi, which has the most beneficiaries, will also be holding a similar meeting, but some have said unpaid dues are making it difficult to treat CGHS patients.

"We told CGHS that we are unable to service the requirements of patients ... because there are huge payments outstanding. ECHS is still better (in terms of payment) this year, but unpaid CGHS dues have been growing," Max Healthcare chairman Abhay Soi told The Indian Express.

Senior Health Ministry officials told The Indian Express on condition of anonymity that the ministry has not received such representations from the group, but that payments of dues to empanelled providers have already been stepped up. There are also no plans to revise the 2014 CGHS rates, as they are already "reasonable," they said.

"There is a gap between the submission of bills and the release of payments and, sometimes, this gap increases. But it is not like the dues are going unpaid," said one of the officials, adding that around Rs 1,400 crore was released towards payment of dues at the beginning of this financial year.

"We have increased manpower so that bills are paid at a

higher rate," said another official, adding, "If CGHS system rates are so poor, why is there such a huge demand (from healthcare

providers) to get empanelled?" AHPI in July sent a letter to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman saying reimbursements to hospitals was a major concern, as none of the payments for the services offered under CGHS had been made to them within the time stipulated in their agreement.

Queries sent to the finance ministry about the pending dues under CGHS remained unanswered by press time Saturday.

According to Gyani, AHPI members are yet to recover a total of over Rs 400 crore from the government for cashless services provided to CGHS beneficiaries.

A 2017 Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare report on demands for grants observed that funds allocated to the government under CGHS were under-utilised and that several hospitals had deempanelled themselves mainly due to non-settlement of dues. "The Committee is of the view that the de-empanelment of some very good CGHS approved hospitals is a major cause of concern and inconvenience to the CGHS patients."

The government has allocated Rs 1,350 crore for CGHS in the Union Budget for 2019-20, Rs 30.45 crore higher from Rs 1,319.55 crore allocated in 2018-19. In 2017-18, the government's allocation for the CGHS scheme had stood at Rs 1,182.43 crore.

EXPLAINED

Rise in

of concern

WHILE THE bank has said

that it has no "material

exposure" to a mortgage

major in distress, the rise

could be a cause for con-

The bank has attrib-

uted this to an increase in

the proportion of the

low-ticket loans in the

loan book. The surge in

low grade loans of the

bank is also reflective of

the overall economic en-

public would be covered in our

impact of the recent court ruling

on telecom companies' adjusted

gross revenue (AGR). "Banks will

have to assess it and see how

specific telcos assess it. Telecom

sector exposure is 1.8 per cent of

our total book and it is mostly to

the two top names," Batra said.

non-banking finance company

(NBFC) sector is Rs 26,000 crore

and to housing finance compa-

NPAs were to the tune of Rs 1,263

nies (HFCs) is Rs 15,000 crore.

ICICI Bank's exposure to the

Recoveries and upgrades of

The bank is unsure about the

vironment.

list too," he said.

in stressed retail loans

**Q2 PERFORMANCE: NET INTEREST INCOME RISES 25.5% Y-O-Y** 

## ICICI Bank standalone profit falls 66% on one-time hit of ₹3,021 cr

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

PRIVATE SECTOR lender ICICI Bank on Saturday reported a 66 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) drop in standalone net profit to Rs 655 crore in the September quarter of financial year 2019-20, as the bank took a one-time hit of Rs 3,021 crore to account for a lower deferred tax asset benefit as a result of a cut in the tax rate.

The bank's net interest income (NII) rose 25.5 per cent yo-y to Rs 8,057 crore. NII is the difference between interest earned and interest expended. Net interest margin (NIM) —

a key measure of profitability stood at 3.64 per cent, up three basis points (bps) from 3.61 per cent in the previous quarter.

Additions to gross non-performing assets (NPAs) decreased to Rs 2,482 crore in the September quarter from Rs 2,779 crore in the June quarter. ICICI Bank's gross NPA ratio at the end of September stood at 6.37 per cent, 12 bps lower than 6.49 per cent at the end of June, while the net NPA ratio decreased 17 bps sequentially to 1.6 per cent from 1.77 per cent as on June 30. On September 30, 2019, the fund-based and non-fund based outstanding to borrowers rated BB and below was Rs 16,074 crore, up from Rs 15,355 crore on September 30, 2018. They constituted 2.62 per cent of the bank's loan book.

Sandeep Batra, ED-designate, ICICI Bank, said that the rise in the BB and below book was a result of the slowdown in the economy. "Our portfolio will capture any risk. Many names in

crore, while loans worth Rs 1,328 crore were written off. The provision coverage ratio on NPAs, excluding cumulative technical write-offs, increased to 76 per cent in September 2019 from 59 per cent in September 2018. Total advances at the bank stressed retail loans a cause

grew 13 per cent y-o-y to Rs 6.13 lakh crore. Retail assets saw a 22 per cent y-o-y growth, with 50 per cent of the bank's total loan book being made up of retail loans. Excluding non-performing and restructured loans, the growth in domestic corporate loans was about 7 per cent.

While the lender had earlier this month participated in the loan outreach programmes conceptualised by the government it refused to share details of sanctions made through this route.

Total deposits increased by 25 per cent y-o-y to Rs 6.96 lakh crore and the bank's current account savings account (CASA) ratio stood at 42.2 per cent, down from 47.1 per cent a year ago.

Average CASA deposits rose 11 per cent y-o-y in Q2FY20. Term deposits increased 35 per cent to Rs 3.71 lakh crore. Batra said the bank's CASA ratio could come down further. "For us term deposits is going to be the focus,' he said.

The bank's total capital adequacy ratio (CAR) as per RBI guidelines on Basel III norms was 16.14 per cent and its tier-1 capital adequacy (CET-1) ratio stood at 14.62 per cent on September 30, as compared to the minimum regulatory requirements of 11.08 per cent and 9.08 per cent, respectively. Shares of ICIC Bank on the BSE closed at Rs 469.10 on Friday, up 3.18 per cent from their previous close. **FE** 

## 'PE investments in realty up 19% to \$3.8 bn in Jan-Sept'

Private equity investments in the domestic real estate sector rose by 19 per cent to \$3.8 billion during January-September 2019, mostly in commercial properties, according to Anarock.

#### \$3.2 billion The

amount of private equity investments in the year ago period

\$3 billion Funds received by the commercial real estate sector, in the first three quarters of calendar year 2019, as against \$2.1 billion received in the corresponding period of the previous year

\$295 million

Funding received by residential segment this year as against \$210 million last year, thus seeing nearly 40 per cent gain

\$260 million Funds

BRIEFLY

Pfizer Q2 up

₹154.25 crore

New Delhi: Pharma firm

Pfizer Ltd Saturday posted a

61.01 per cent rise in net

profit to Rs 154.25 crore for

the July-September quarter

compared to that of Rs 95.80

crore in the year-ago quar-

ter. Revenue from opera-

tions was at Rs 567.06 crore

in the quarter, up 9.10 per

cent compared to Rs 519.74

crore a year ago, Pfizer said in a filing. Its total expenses were at Rs 430.63 crore during the period under review

as against Rs 407.92 crore, up

Trump calls out

Apple CEO on

iPhone design

Washington: President

Donald Trump took a swipe

at Apple chief Tim Cook with

a Tweet lamenting the re-

moval of the iPhone home

button. "To Tim: The Button

on the IPhone was FAR bet-

5.56 per cent. **PTI** 

61%to



attracted by retail segment during January-September 2019 as against \$355 million in the year-ago period

**27%** Decline witnessed by logistics and warehousing in total PE

**PRESSTRUSTOFINDIA** 

INDIA WILL spend about \$1.4 tril-

lion on its infrastructure develop-

ment in the next five years. Union

Steel Minister Dharmendra

the Global Forum on Excess

which was attended by represen-

tatives several other countries.

The minister was speaking at

Tokyo,

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

Pradhan said on Saturday.

Capacity (GFEC)

inflows in 2019 at nearly \$200 million as against \$275 million earlier

**MUMBAI METROPOLITAN REGION** Among cities, MMR witnessed maximum inflows at \$1.59 billion till

India to spend \$1.4 trillion over 5 yrs

"I wish to emphasize that with

rapid economic and infrastruc-

tural development in India, the

demand of steel has seen sub-

stantial increase and is expected

to increase further in the future as

embarks to become a \$5 trillion

economy by 2024," he said while

committed to spending about \$1.4

trillion on its infrastructure devel-

opment in the next five years.

He said that the country is

All this. Pradhan said, augurs

addressing the forum.

to develop infrastructure: Pradhan

September this year, up 3 per cent from the same period of 2018

17% Gain witnessed by Bengaluru from \$420 million to nearly \$490 million till September

\$390 million Jump in investment seen by Pune in 2019 from \$125 million in 2018

**76%** Decline witnessed by Hyderabad from over \$790 million last year to just \$190 million in 2019

\$230 million

Investments seen by Chennai as against \$160 million a year ago

country.

well for the steel demand in the

per capita consumption of steel

from its current low of 72 kg per

capita to 160 kg per capita by

2030, he informed. Pradhan is on

agement of Japanese steel majors

JFE Steel Corporation, Nippon

Steel and Daido Steel on Friday

and invited them to invest in the

growing Indian steel sector.

The minister met senior man-

a two-day visit to Japan.

India is determined to raise the

## '\$5 tn economy goal will be assisted by innovation in financial sector'

**ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU** NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

**WORLD BANK President David** Malpass Saturday said that reduction in corporate tax rates in India should aid growth and suggested more reforms in the financial sector to boost economic expansion. India can make further progress in areas including land permits, enforcement of contracts and deepening of corporate bond markets, he said.

"Encourage progress in three primary areas. One is to allow growth of the banking sector itself including private sector. Second is deepening of corporate bond market and mortgage market. And third is regulation of nonbank financial companies which have grown with the Indian financial system but entails some risks," he said at a press conference.

"There can be more progress in land permits and in enforcement of contracts," he said. India has improved its score in the World Bank's global Ease of Doing Business rankings, rising 14 notches to be placed 63rd out of 190 countries on the back of "sustained business reforms". India. along with other top improvers, implemented a total of 59 regulatory reforms in 2018-19, accounting for a fifth of all reforms recorded worldwide. Contract enforcement is among the key areas monitored in the Ease of Doing Business report.

Malpass said innovation in the financial sector, especially the banking sector and sound regulation of non-bank financial com-



World Bank Group President David Malpass (left) with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the fifth edition of Niti Aayog Lecture Series, in New Delhi, Saturday. PTI

panies, will be crucial in turning India into a \$5 trillion economy. "Prime Minister (Narendra) Modi has a goal of \$5 trillion economy. It will be assisted by innovation in financial sector," he said.

Earlier in the day, Malpass delivered the keynote address on the role of financial sector in development at NITI Aayog's fifth lecture series. The lecture was attended by the PM along with ministers and senior government officials.

Malpass is visiting India from October 25-28, his first trip to India since taking over as President of the World Bank on April 9. Between July 2018 and June 2019, the World Bank Group provided \$5.17 billion in financing to India. This includes \$3.02 billion from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, \$0.25 billion from the International Development Association and \$1.9 billion from International Finance Corporation.

Malpass, who met Modi during the day, said reduction in corporate tax rates should help spur growth. The cut in corporate tax rate has been the biggest change; inclusive of cesses and surcharges, the rate has come down from roughly 35 per cent to 25 per cent, and without the cesses and surcharges, to 22 per cent from around 30 per cent.

"I think what is to be done is better growth programmes country by country. India has taken a good step on the corporate tax rate. That should add to more growth," Malpass said.

Indian economy has been affected by global environment and trade uncertainty is a drag on global growth, along with other factors like Brexit, he added.

Weak manufacturing and consumption numbers dragged the country's GDP growth to a 25quarter low of 5 per cent in the first quarter (April-June) of the current fiscal.

The GDP growth rate slowed for the fifth consecutive quarter, with the previous low recorded at 4.3 per cent in March 2013. Apart from the tax cut, the Centre has announced a series of other measures to boost growth.

### GM workers ratify contract, ending contentious 40-day strike

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** ROMULUS, MICHIGAN, OCTOBER 26

A CONTENTIOUS 40-day strike that crippled General Motors' US production came to an end Friday as workers approved a

new contract with the company. The four-year deal will now be used as a template in bargain-

ing with crosstown rival Ford Motor Co., the union's choice for the next round of bargaining, followed by Fiat Chrysler. GM workers voted 57.2 per

cent in favor of the pact, passing it with a vote of 23,389 to 17,501, the union said in a statement.

Picket lines came down al most immediately after the vote was announced, and some of the 49,000 striking workers were expected to return to their jobs as early as Friday night. Some skilled trades employees such as electricians and machinists were to enter the plants to get machinery restarted in preparation for production workers to return as early as Saturday.

"It was a good vacation, but I guess I've got to go back," joked Paul Daru, a 42-year worker at GM's engine and transmission plant in Romulus, Michigan, near

"I miss the socializing and stuff like that, seeing the guys, going out on the job and figuring out what the problem is."

## JEDI CONTRACT PART OF BROADER DIGITAL MODERNISATION OF PENTAGON MEANT TO MAKE IT MORE TECHNOLOGICALLY AGILE

## Microsoft beats Amazon for Pentagon's \$10 bn cloud computing contract

#### **PHILSTEWART** WASHINGTON, OCTOBER 26

MICROSOFT CORP. Microsoft Corp. has won the Pentagon's \$10 billion cloud computing contract, the Defense Department said on Amazon.com Inc.

long been mired in conflict of interest allegations, even drawing the attention of President Donald Trump, who has publicly taken swipes at Amazon and its founder Jeff Bezos.

Trump in August said his administration was reviewing Amazon's bid after complaints

from other companies.

The Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure Cloud (JEDI) contract is part of a broader digital modernisation of the Pentagon meant to make it more technologically agile. Specifically, a goal of IEDI is to give the military better access to data and the cloud from battlefields and other remote locations.

Oracle Corp had expressed concerns about the award process for the contract, including the role of a former Amazon employee who worked on the project at the Defense Department but recused himself, then later left the Defense Department and returned to Amazon Web Services.

## **'COMPETITION CONDUCTED FAIRLY, LEGALLY'**

**IN A** statement announcing Microsoft as the winner, the Pentagon underscored its view that the competition for the JEDI contract was conducted fairly and legally



"clearly lead to a different conclusion," according to the statement. AWS is considering options for

protesting the award, a person familiar with the matter told

force, its information technology remains woefully inadequate, according to many officials. Officials have complained of

the world's most potent fighting

having outdated computer systems and being unable to access files or share information as quickly as they might be able to in the private sector.

"If I am a warfighter, I want as much data as you could possibly give me," Lieutenant General Jack Shanahan, the director of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Center, told reporters in August describing the importance of the contract.

Some companies were concerned that a single award would give the winner an unfair advantage in follow-on work. The Pentagon has said it planned to award future cloud deals to multiple contractors.

This week, US Defense Secretary Mark Esper removed himself from reviewing the deal due to his adult son's employment with one of the original contract applicants, IBM Corp.

IBM had previously bid for the contract but had already been eliminated from the competition. Microsoft said it was working on a comment. IBM and Oracle did not immediately return requests for comment.

mer Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, said Trump called Mattis and directed him to "screw Amazon" by preventing it from bidding on the JEDI contract, according to an excerpt of the book seen by Reuters ahead of its release. "We're not going to do that," Mattis later told other Pentagon

served as a speech writer to for-

officials, according to the excerpt "This will be done by the book both legally and ethically. Snodgrass declined to comment pending the release of his book. In a statement announcing

Microsoft as the winner, Pentagon underscored its view that the competition was conducted fairly and legally. **REUTERS** 

home button from its top

models. AFP

ter than the Swipe!" he tweeted Friday. Trump switched from an Android mobile to an iPhone in March 2017, the same year Apple dropped the physical

Friday, beating out favorite The contracting process had

Web Services (AWS) spokesman said the company was "surprised about this conclusion."

The company said that a "detailed assessment purely on the

comparative offerings" would

Although the Pentagon boasts

In a book slated for publication October 29, retired Navy commander Guy Snodgrass, who

The idea is to prevent South from reaching his hand to draw trump. The only winning exit from your hand at this point is the CK! After winning the ace, if declarer tries to enter his via the C9, partner ruffs, Dlr: South Vul: Both

#### NORTH(dummy) **♥**A

♣AQJ1032 WEST **◆** J64 **9**654

♦ A7532

♦ KQ **♣**K874

EAST Pass 3D Pass Pass 4NT 4C Pass Pass Pass 58 Pass

You lead the DK to dummy's ace and partner's jack. Declarer clears the SQ and the HA from dummy, partner playing the H2, count. Declarer exits from with a diamond, partner playing the 8 to your Q. On the two diamond plays declarer has played small diamonds. What now?

The West hand: S-AK9872 H-KQ7 D-64 C-95 The East hand: S-1053 H-J10832D-J1098C-6

If declarer tries to get back to his hand by ruffing a diamond, you overtrump. You've got the poor guy coming and going-providing you make the "key Dlr: West Vul: Both

SOUTH (YOU)
<b>♠</b> J2
<b>9</b> 8
♦ 1054
♣ AKJ9863

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH Dbl Pass 4D Dbl. Pass Pass

Opening lead: CK (King from AK at the five level or higher) Your partner greets your opening lead with the 10 so you continue with the ace and both follow - It's still your turn - What do you lead at trick three?

### SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2240

#### **OUICK CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Accidentally get liquid on (6) 4. Abundance (8)
- 9. Woody(6) 10. Marvelous (8)
- 12. Needle-shaped (8)
- 13. Mark used in ancient manuscripts (6)
- 15. Of the nervous system (12) 18. Somnambulism (12)
- 21. Lisa Kudrow on Friends (6) 22. A bogus remedy (5,3)
- 24. Noticed or witnessed (8) 25. Engraver (6) 26. Vessel repair shop (8)
- 27. Beat (6)
- **DOWN**
- 1. Supports, bears the weight
- 2. Gulliver's country of little people(8)
- 3. French gift to USA (6,2,7) 5. Jump in the air (4)
- 6. A brief verbal description? (5-4.6)
- 7. Peter \_\_\_\_; played Lawrence of
- Arabia (6) 8. Home for St Francis (6)
- 11. Royal house after Stuarts (7)
- 14. Looking at (7) 16. Projectile rebound (8)
- 17. Monetary unit of Bhutan (8) 19. Cylinders on which threads or
- wires are wound (6) 20. Dwarfed tree (6) 23. Lacerate or pull apart (4)

#### **CRYPTIC CLUES**

- **ACROSS** 1. Support that the irritating  $get?(\hat{4},\hat{2})$
- 4. Accountant wakes up and drinks heavily (8) 9. Reps I'm putting off with a
- silly smile (6)
- 10. Rock-bottom price? (4,4) 12. Distressed? (8)
- 13. A better sponsor (6) 15. Sharp turns in sharp-end nib I
- reshaped (7,5)
- 18. Trial plans for the training of air crew? (5,7)
- 21. Making a mistake in selling a silver ring (6) 22. A climbing plant in need of air,
- it was (8) 24. It may be used by a boxer

SUDOKU

without a ring apparently (4-4) 25. Forbidden sound of orchestra 26. Honours and compliments (8)

#### 27. Fast movers, by morning found at sea (6)

- **DOWN:** 1. Begged? Sir Percy Blakeney was bound to! (8)
- 2. Firm beginning to make simple object (8)
- 3. Powerless to include objection that's ordinary enough (15) 5. A sailor's said to be a classic warhero(4)
- 6. Not an action for prolonged exposure (4-3-4,4)
- 7. Time to start another day (6) 8. Declares the ship is carrying
- clothing(6) 11. Tries to influence a skinny heir
- (5,2)14. Septic's revolting alternative
- 16. Results of pressure on one starting to make audio of rock star
- 17. Cygnet's parent in Egyptian

#### 19. It changes the shape of a booze-up(6) 20. Plays around Madras (6)

#### 23. On the level about providing accommodation (4)

Solutions to 2239 QUICK CLUES Across: 1 Giuseppe Verdi, 10 Aheap, 11 Habitable, 12 Trail away, 13 Occur, 14 Lakshmi, 16 Natters, 18 Gumdrop, 20 Console, 22 Nines, 24 Devoutest, 26 Uprisings, 27 Kirov, 28 Thunderstruck. Down: 2 Ice-pack, 3 Sepulcher, 4 Pshaw, 5 Embryonic, 6 Eat no, 7 Debacle, 8 Cartilaginous, 9 Retrospective, 15 Impudence, 17 Tendulkar, 19 Menorah, 21 Oneiric, 23 Susan, 25 Vases. CRYPTIC CLUES Across: 1 Head over heels, 10 Along, 11

Gun-runner, 12 Phenomena, 13 Leant, 14 Nettles, 16 Exegete, 18 Lateran, 20 Laertes, 22 Ghent, 24 At any rate, 26 Sheathing, 27 Idler, 28 Lose one's heart. Down: 2 Erodent, 3 Dog collar, 4 Vogue, 5 Ring a bell, 6 Equal, 7 Lineage, 8 Campanologist, 9 Britney spears, 15 Sensation, 17 Enemy fire, 19 Thereto, 21 Trailer, 23 Tithe, 25 Argus.

## If it's your Birthday

#### **Sunday October 27**

Emotionally, you're a little secretive and sensitive, but elsewhere you're totally confident and on top of the world. The trick is to stand up for yourself without doing anything you'll later have to apologise for.

#### **Monday October 28**

It's a fine time to look around for extra support. Make sure you let go of old regrets and don't carry them into your brand new astrological year.

#### **Tuesday October 29**

You'll do well to take a cool, calculated and laid-back approach. As soon as you give in to feelings of anger or resentment then you'll lose control of events.

#### Wednesday October 30

There is something in your personality which looks down on people, a characteristic which should be kept under control. You might be the best, but you don't have to make sing it.

#### **Thursday October 31**

You'd do best to pause for thought if personal offers are looming. Looking ahead, you could face a year of challenges, some of your own making, many not.

#### Friday November 1

It's clear that you can make the most of the day by being cautious indeed, and only committing yourself when you are one hundred percent certain.

#### Saturday November 2

Just a word of warning about cash: there's a chance that you'll be chucking money into a black hole next week.

### 6 9 7 5 3 3 5 7 8

### YOUR WEEK AHEAD

#### **ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** You should get the

ball rolling and talk to partners, relations and loved ones. Set professional ambitions in train at the beginning of the week, and make it clear that you are more than happy to handle

new responsibilities. You might find that you enjoy a certain person's company more than you expected.

#### **TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**

This may be wise for, at work as well as at home, other people may be unable to understand you just yet. And even when you do talk, you might say anything except reveal your secrets. You may hold social gatherings towards the end of the week.

#### GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Social stars couldn't be better, and you

may be able to make up for a recent disappointment. At work there may still be a slight muddle, but you have made positive progress and within a few more days you'll know exactly where you stand. Romantic prospects look best towards the end of the week, so save up your emotional energy.

#### CANCER (June 22 - July 23) As the week goes

by, you may shift your attention from partnerships to money and eventually to ambitious plans to promote vourself in your community. People are waiting to hear from you, so stop being so shy, or reluctant to show your true talents.

#### LEO (July 24 - Aug 23) Bountiful good fortune is still yours

for the asking, but you now have no choice but to pay much more attention to what others are doing. The people who are important in your life must be older, wiser and more experienced, and you need to rely on their stability. You have much to give as well, and the time will come when you can shine.

#### **VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)** Relationships will be blooming, and you must link up with fresh people on new enterprises. Your spending may remain high,

perhaps because there's a little

extra to spare for luxuries.

differences with partners will need

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23) Even minor

urgent resolution. At work, there are more routine chores to come. You have to clear the mundane detail before you can get to the excitement.

#### SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23) The present

romantic phase will be brought to an end before long. In fact, within a few days, you'll have to put certain frivolous pre-occupations behind you and get up to date with work. Also, as it happens, joint financial arrangements could bring in extra funds. So, if a partner comes up with a profitable idea, give it your serious thought.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22) Deal with home and family

engagements around the middle of the week. There's little pressure at work, at least none that you shouldn't be able to take in your stride. Midweek brings the best stars at work.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

#### Attend to all your tasks and chores promptly. Then you'll be able to enjoy all social activities without a guilty conscience. If you can get long-term finances sorted out now, please do so. You should also hold discussions with family members as soon as you can, otherwise you may risk losing control of

#### AOUARIUS (Jan 21- Feb 19) You should now be

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JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip. Friends are \_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_ - Henry Adams (4,.,4)

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**MOYOR** 

Name of the Work :

Tender Documentation fee

Date & Time of availability of bid

Last Date/Time for receipt of bid in

the e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"

**Estimated Cost** 

Earnest money

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**Period of Completion** 

document in the portal

Ro No. 619 at 26.10,2019

Details of the Allotment:

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E-Auction Publish date

Pre-Bid meeting date

Proposals

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Last Date for submission of

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Bid Application Fee / Auction

E-Auction Date & Time

Fee (Non-refundable)

Name & Contact No.

Auctioning Authority

Project Completion Period

Location of Land

Area of Land

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UJVN Limited
H.O.: "UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Denradun-28006
(Telephones: 0135-2763508, 2763808 & Fax- 0135- 2763507
CIN NO. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

of UJVN Ltd for the F.Y-2019-20

"e" Procurement Tender Notice

Bid Identification No.: 11/EE(IC&CM)/2019-20.

Date of opening of bid on the website = 21.11.2019 from 13:00 Hrs

Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc

may be obtained from the website. Further details can be seen from

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

Govt. of Jharkhand

**Urban Development & Housing Department** 

Jharkhand State Housing Board

Harmu, Ranchi - 834002

Ph.: 75419 53341 / 94307 63688 / 94302 20413 (PMU), E-mail : md.jshb@gmail.com

ALLOTMENT OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FIVE STAR HOTEL INRANCHI

Re-Auction Notice Ref. No. 02/2019-20

Jharkhand State Housing Board (JSHB) intends auction of plots of land for

development of Five Star Hotel property in the heart of state capital Ranchi,

Ranchi, Jharkhand

47,00Crore

Two (02)Acres

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Ranchi, Jharkhand

november 2019)

05/12/2019 at 1430 HRS

06 /01 / 2020; 1500HRS

13 /01 / 2020; 1500HRS

Payable at

Housing Board

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Three (03) Years

The interested bidders are advised to refer to the detailed terms and

The interested bidders who requires assistance in creating user id and

password, uploading documents, submitting bid forms etc. may contact

Jharkhand State Housing Board's office (Auctioning Authority or PMU

Cell: Vishal Parashar, Programme Manager: 94302 20413) on any working

(Any change in the above schedule will be notified on E-auction website:

The complete description of the auction is available on the e-Auction portal and

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Answer: Friends are born, not made - Henry Adams SOLUTION: ADIEU, ROOMY, UNBIND, EMBODY

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26.10.2019 from 16:00 Hrs

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Forty Seven Lakh only) in the form of Bank

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only) in the form of Demand Draft

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Mr. Ashok Ram , Chief Engineer, Jharkhand

Ranchi

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Date and time of

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#### PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

#### (See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that Jitender @ Sonu S/o Jag Ram R/o Vill. Javasa, P.S. Khanpur, Distt. Bulandshehr, U.P., has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 14/16 u/s 323/341/34 IPC P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Jitender @ Sonu can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Jitender @ Sonu has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant)

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Jitender @ Sonu of FIR No. 14/16 u/s 323/341/34 IPC P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on 29.11.2019.

DP/6682/CD/19

By Order Sh. Fahad Uddin Metropolitan Magistrate, Room No. 180, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY

#### Open E-Tender Notice The Senior Divisional Mechanical Engineer/Chg., Northern Railway, Delhi Division for

and on behalf of President of India invites e-tender on "Single Packet System" for following work from experienced and capable tenders. Name of work: Retro fitment of twin air pipe arrangement at coach ends of LHB coaches in place of four air brake pipes at coach ends as per coach alteration instructions No. CAI/RCF/MECH/R-SS 054 or any latest" at coaching depot of DLI division, Work Place : Coaching Depot Delhi division: NDLS, DLI, ANVT, DEE & HNZM, Period of work: One Year Approximate cost of work: Rs. 41,51 910/- (inclusive all taxes and expenditure) The earnest money in the form of Net Banking Ref. No. dated is attached. I/We have clearly noted that the earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee bond is not acceptable: Rs. 83,000/- The Tender document cost in the form of Net Banking Ref. No. dated is attached. I/We have clearly noted that the earnest money in the form of Bank Guarantee bond is not acceptable: Rs.3,540/-(including GST @18%) Date & Time of Pre-bid Meeting: 01.11,2019 at 15:00 Hrs. Date and time of availability of e-tender documents: From 25, 10, 2019 to 19, 11, 2019; upto 15:00 hrs Date and time of e-tender box closing: 19 11.2019 at 15 00 hrs. Date and time of e-tender box opening: 19.11.2019 after 15:00 hrs. If the date of opening happens to be a holiday the e-lender shall be opened on the next working day. Note: If e-tender documents are downloaded from website, gost of e-tender documents shall have to be deposited separately along with the bid on IREPS, failing which the offer shall be lable to summarily rejected. No.: 197-S/227/Retro-A,B, Pipe/MC-IV, Date: 25.10.2019

> मुख्य अभियंता का कार्यालय कम्बाईन्ड ऑफिस बिल्डिंग भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, रांची

#### ई-प्रोक्योरमेन्ट नोटिस टेन्डर रफरन्स न0-BCD/CE/42/Deoghar/2019-20 दिनाक- 25:10:2019

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## **BRIDGE**

days during office hours (between 1100 Hrs to 1700 Hrs). Alternatively, bidders can put up their queries over mail at md.jshb@gmail.com. Place: Ranchi Date: 26/10/2019

#### (Chief Engineer-cum-Nodal Officer) PR 221081 Jharkhand State E-Auction, Jharkhand State Housing Board Housing Board (19-20)D Ranchi, Jharkhand

### कार्यालय कार्यपालक अभियंता लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल सरायकेला

पत्रांक :- 653 सरायकेला / दिनांक:-25.10.2019

ई0 निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या – WRD/ कारणवश अगले आदेश तक स्थगित किया जाता है।

> कार्यपालक अभियंता लघु सिंचाई प्रमण्डल सरायकेला।

P.R.221079 Water Resource(19-20):D

#### **PUNJAB REMOTE SENSING CENTRE, LUDHIANA** (A Govt. of Punjab Enterprises)

#### **Engagement of Chartered Accountant**

Reputed Firms/ Chartered Accountant having more than 10 years experience, to act as Auditor of Punjab Remote Sensing Centre (PRSC). They should be on empanelment of Comptroller & Auditor General of India having their offices at Cities of Punjab for Auditing, Compilation and Consolation of the Accounts of the PRSC for the year 2019-20. The volume of work can be inspected on any working day in the office of the undersigned. The Chartered Accountant is also responsible for handling all cases/ quarries of Income Tax Department and Refunds etc. to its successful completion. The application along with Professional Fees including Taxes and Profile of the Firm supported by statements of assignments already executed must be submitted on or before 25.11.2019. The Firm/Associate who acted as Chartered Accountant for three years or more with PRSC in recent past may not be considered. The undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject any application without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-Director

#### NORTHERN RAILWAY

The Deputy Chief Engineer /Survey &Const.- II, Titak Bridge, Northern Railway, New Delhi, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender for the

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18,11,2019 upto 11,30 hours. Tender documents can be upload of tenders uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS web site w.e.f. 04.11,2019 to 18,11,2019.

This notice is available on www.nr.indianrailways.gov.in website and documents on www.ireps.gov.in site is available. Tender Notice No. 266-W/S&C/TKJ/FLS/ BE-ROZA/2019 Dated: 26.10.2019. SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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Officer/Const. N.Rly. Kashmera Gate, Delhi-110006.

#### VEER SURENDRA SAI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, BURLA, ODISHA-768018 No. VSSUT/MECH/6887/2019 Date: 26.10.2019 TENDER CALL NOTICE Sealed tenders are hereby invited from reputed and

experience firms for supply, installation and maintenance of various items to Department of Mechanical Engineering. VSSUT Burla, in the District of Sambalpur, Odisha. The interested firms/agencies/suppliers/dealers/SSI Units can log on to the University Website www.vssut.ac.in for verification of the other terms and conditions in details

#### Sd/- REGISTRAR

#### SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 36-CECNMS-19-20-PBW-411 DT. 21-10-2019 E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 37-CECNMS-19-20-MB-26 DT. 21-10-2019 E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 38-CECNMS-19-20-A-SUR-117 DT. 21-10-2019 For and on behalf of The President of India, The Chief Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chenna 600 008 invites e-tender for the following work(s) as per Notice Inviting Tender(NIT) in our portal www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderers Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal www.ireps.gov.in and only online tenders will be accepted. The Cost of the lender form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through

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# 22 SPORTSLINE

## THE PERSON YOU'VE CALLED IS **OUT OF COVERAGE AREA**



While the phone lines were dead, Real Kashmir players were preparing for the season ahead in a unique way. Between call drops and dodgy connection, MIHIR VASAVDA connects with the players from the Valley.

he phone line goes silent. Just seconds ago, the voice on the other side couldn't stop giggling. But now, after a short pause, Muhammad Hammad speaks in a serious tone. No one, he laments, is talking about the unwitting victims of the communication blockade that has brought Kashmir to a grinding halt. "The Romeos," he bursts out laughing again. "So many blossoming love stories have been ruined here."

The cricketer-turned-footballer then channels his inner poet and recites an ode to Kashmir's lovesick youth in these times of no communication:

"Internet na sahi, phone he chala do/aashiqon ka haal behaal hai/bina family pressure ke/ juda kar diya hai government ne...'

More laughter. This time, even louder.

Hammad jokes about the slightest of things – a friend making a trip to Delhi just to send an email; teammates forgetting bags at the airport the moment they get access to internet after touching down in another city; and 'just roaming here and there in Srinagar without any purpose.' There might be nothing funny about the current situation in Kashmir. In humour, though, the 22-year-old has found an outlet. "We laugh about it but the truth is these are 'very, very difficult' times," Hammad says. He finds it almost impossible to speak candidly about what he has lived through, repeating the words over and over again: "Imagine not being able to communicate with your loved ones."

For Hammad, a defender who plays for I-League club Real Kashmir, the inability to speak with his mother hurts the most. Before every match, he calls up his mother in Batamaloo, a suburb in Srinagar. It's a short conversation, with his mother muttering a few prayers to ensure her son doesn't get hurt during the match.

However, the routine was forcefully discontinued after the central government blocked all communication channels in the Valley following the decision to scrap Article 370 and strip Jammu & Kashmir off statehood. "In the first match I played (after that decision), a tear rolled down..." he says.

The phone line, once again, goes silent.

Late on August 4, Hammad and four of his teammates got an SOS from the Real Kashmir management, asking them to report at the team hotel at once. The plan, originally, was to meet at the airport the next morning and fly out together to Kolkata to join the rest of their teammates ahead of the Durand Cup.

But an air of anxiety had gripped the city. Several rumours were circulating, and the locals were certain a curfew would be imposed. "We live here, we know the pulse of the place," Real Kashmir co-owner Sandeep Chatoo says. Hammad adds: "We quickly said goodbyes to families and left. We were a bit worried. The next morning, on August 5, we heard the news that something happened in our Kashmir."

By the time the quintet reached the team hotel in Kalyani, roughly 50km from Kolkata, it was well past midnight on August 6. Yet, all the players waited in the lobby to receive their teammates. "The Kashmiris arrived at 2 in the morning and every player was up," manager David Robertson says. "It was like long lost friends. It's unique."

The players, meeting each other for the first time since the conclusion of the last I-League season, embraced each other and joked around a little before hitting the bed. Forty-eight hours later, Real Kashmir defeated I-League champions Chennai City by a solitary goal.

It wasn't their best performance — the play-

ers lacked fitness and didn't look cohesive. Half of their players weren't included in the first 11 since they weren't match-ready. The other half, the Kashmiri boys, was distracted at not being able to get in touch with their families for two days. They just about scraped through. And after returning to the dressing room, the local players broke down. "There were too many emotions that were released after the match," Hammad says. "We are professionals. But we are also humans."

Robertson chips in: "Everybody has certain difficulties to overcome. As a team, we'll get through it."

Robertson's words couldn't be truer. For, Real Kashmir has been 'getting through' one problem after another from the time it has

Real Kashmir is a club steeped in symbolism. It is owned by a Muslim newspaper publisher, Shamim Mehraj, and a Kashmiri Pandit businessman, Chatoo. The club was formed following the devastating floods of 2014. Since then, it has broken barriers, brought people together and reignited hope of the locals who have been battered by decades of violence.

Robertson, the team's Scottish manager, snubbed offers from China and Uganda to catapult this bunch of nobodies

I-League's Real

Kashmir were

unbeaten in the five

pre-season friendlies

This after training at

jostling for funds and

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against ISL teams.

a school ground,

from the lower echelons of Indian football to the top division in a span of three years.

come into being.

In mid-2018, Real Kashmir won the second division league and became the first team from the region to qualify for the I-League. It wasn't the final frontier for Indian football, but when Real Kashmir kicked off the match against Churchill Brothers at Srinagar's TRC Ground last November, it felt like that. It was the first time a national league match was being played in the Valley.

And in a breathtaking

backdrop of snow-covered mountains and flaming red Chinar, Real Kashmir continued to script their fairytale, overcoming a hurdle or two at every step. Months after the club took formal shape, football activities in Srinagar came to a halt after the death of militant Burhan Wani.

Then, a month before their I-League debut, the final of an invitational tournament between Real Kashmir and Minerva had to be cancelled due to curfew. The league clash between the same teams had to be cancelled as well, after the Chandigarh-based club refused to travel to Srinagar following the Pulwama attacks. "Then, all of a sudden, all this happens," Chatoo says, referring to the abolition of Article 370. "Srinagar is in turmoil. It has been tough. But you have to overcome every difficulty."

To call the TRCTurf Ground a stadium is being too generous. The ground gets its name from the Tourist Reception Centre (TRC) adjacent to it and is situated on one of the busier streets off the Dalgate Bridge and a few minutes' walk from Lal Chowk. Every Sunday, a bazaar is set up along the dusty footpaths, where vendors sell woollens at throwaway rates. It only adds to the hustle and amidst all the chaos, it's easy to miss the tiny gates that lead one to an even tinier ground. There aren't many facilities the ground offers, apart from the year-old, cottage-like dressing rooms. Back in the day, the maximum crowd at the ground used to be seen on Eid. That changed last year, when 15,000 people routinely crammed the stands named after the state's football heroes.

However, when Real Kashmir returned to Srinagar after the Durand Cup, the streets were deserted and the city centre looked more like a ghost town. "When we returned to Srinagar, we did not want to train at TRC. That was the time the problem had started and we did not want any exposure or risk. We did not know how the people would react and wanted to maintain a very low profile," Chatoo says.

So, the I-League club, which finished third last season, got its pre-season officially underway at a school. Chatoo and Mehraj used their connections to get the team to train at the football ground of Delhi Public School, Srinagar. The hard surface and dry, brown grass were hardly ideal circumstances to train, but there was no other choice. And at that point, the training ground seemed like the remotest of concerns.

The club was — in fact, it still is — running short on funds. Last year, the J&K government had assured Real Kashmir a funding of ₹2 crore per year for three years. A similar deal was struck with the J&K Bank. However, because of the administrative crisis in the state and J&K Bank's internal problems, the amounts are yet to be disbursed. "A lot of corporates, too, could

have come forward. Everybody says fairytale, this, that, but no one steps forward to help us. We feel sad about that," Chatoo says. There have been moments when the businessmen inside Chatoo and Mehraj think of giving up. "But that's not possible. Knowing what the club means to this place. The hopes of the youth are on us. We can't let them down."

From his office inside a boutique hotel in central Srinagar, Robertson wonders of a time three decades ago.

He was a strapping, young left-back with Scottish giants Glasgow Rangers. "I wonder how my coaches got everybody to show up at the same place without much of internet or mobile phones," he says. To Robertson, it feels like those old days all over again. He thinks of the pre-mobile phone era... the landline phone hanging on a wall next to the staircase inside his house at Aberdeen. "One phone between the entire family; if you missed a call there was no way of knowing who it was."

the American side he coached before agreeing to manage Kashmir. It was luxurious and cozy; family by his side. When he first came to Kashmir three years ago, Robertson left in a couple of weeks and wouldn't have returned if the co-owners hadn't convinced him.

He has had to cancel training sessions because of an encounter or stay indoors owing to curfews. He's also gotten accustomed to having no internet and phone connections. But not for such prolonged spells. Robertson has been married for 29 years, and not a day has passed when he hasn't spoken to his wife. Until now. "The hardest part has been not being able to call home. You adapt to everything else... But that is tough," Robertson says.

been a challenge for all. Captain Loveday Enyinnaya, from Nigeria, has not been able to see his daughter, who is just three months old. Centre-back Mason Robertson, the manager's son, hasn't been able to speak with his fiance who is in New York since he has landed in Kashmir. Safety isn't an issue. Seclusion is. The lack of communication before postpaid services were restored has resulted in some emotional meltdowns. But then, the players turn to the most potent antidote — humour. Gnohere Krizo, the forward from Ivory Coast, is the joker-in-chief, using his broken English to crack up his teammates. A few others probe their philosophical self, sitting by the Dal Lake and talking endlessly about life in general. Some others fall back on everyone's favourite pastime – FIFA.

It's been a long, tough pre-season for the players. But Robertson sees a silver lining. "It's made them stronger. They've spent a lot of time understanding each other. No one is on the phone on the dinner table. People are sitting in their rooms on the phone or laptop the whole time," he says. "There are times it is hard. But it's not a prison camp. Everybody is a flight away from going home. They always know that."

But no one will.

The fact that the club managed to retain close to 80 per cent of the players and the whole coaching staff from last season, a rarity in Indian football, is a testimony to how the players feel about the team. Real Kashmir's debut season is one that few will forget. The TRC ground became one of the most difficult venues for the teams to travel because of the cold weather, high altitude and the passionate crowd that is very close to the playing area. "We hope we can play at TRC because it's a fantastic atmosphere. I go back in my career and I've played at Rangers, Leeds United, the Rangers-Celtic games... but this, the atmosphere at TRC is something special," Robertson says.

Unless advised by the security agencies against it, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has said they will conduct Real Kashmir's home matches in Srinagar. That'll be a boost for the club because last season, they lost just two out of the eight matches played in Srinagar, a run that kept them in contention for the title till the very end. Chatoo says the Pulwama attacks, which led to the East Bengal match being moved to Delhi and the Minerva game being abandoned, ultimately cost them the title. Poor bench strength and lack of goal-scoring options also contributed — so much so that Mason, the centre-back, was at times played as a centre-forward. Ahead of the new season, which gets underway on November 30, the club has done some good business.

Apart from retaining most of their key players, they've added English striker Kallum Higginbotham, former Pune City winger Chesterpaul Lyngdoh and former Shillong goalkeeper Phurba Lachenpa to their roster.

In pre-season friendlies, they beat Kerala Blasters FC 1-0 and drew against all other ISL opponents – Mumbai City FC (0-0), Jamshedpur FC (3-3), FC Goa (1-1) and Hyderabad FC (1-1). The final pre-season engagement for Robertson will be off the field. In fact, it will be on the red carpet. Real Kashmir's story was documented by BBC Scotland and the short film has been nominated for BAFTA Scotland awards, to be held on November 2. Robertson's got his best tux prepared.

"It'll be a big moment," Robertson says, knowing it'll put his team under more international spotlight. "The difficulties we've had for the last two or three years have made it such a strong unit that it is difficult to break it. We want to keep the story going."

He harks back to the time at Phoenix FC, By now, Robertson is used to certain things.

Staying cut off from the outside world has

### **BCCI** to grant accreditation to former office-bearers for matches

**DEVENDRA PANDEY** MUMBAI. OCTOBER 26

IN A departure from the practice followed by the now-defunct Committee of Administrators (CoA), BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and his team has decided to grant central accreditation cards to former BCCI office-bearers, presidents and secretaries of all state associations which will allow them free access for any games held in India.

The CoA had decided to cut the prescribed tickets quota of past office-bearers for international matches. Vinod Rai & Co. had given the authority to BCCI chief executive officer Rahul Johri in distribution of complimentary tickets, a decision which is also likely to be reversed.

The new BCCI constitution restricts the distribution of complimentary tickets to 10 per cent, making public sale of the other 90 per cent mandatory. The new body is going to visit this stipulation in the coming days. Last year, many state association had objected to this clause and Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association even turned down a India vs West Indies ODI.

Having central accreditation for former office-bearers and state unit office-bearer will ensure that members are treated well during a game. Often, BCCI has its own corporate box for international games and with this accreditation card, they will have hassle-free entry into the stadium.

Another decision taken by the new BCCI regime was to sent an email to all state units asking them to nominate 'match observers' for international games. This is another practice discontinued by the CoA. "Till now, BCCI staff used to hand over complimentary tickets of sponsors, stakeholders and government officials but now the board has asked state units to send names of their people whom they want as match observers. Each state unit will have to send one representative and they will be nominated as match observer. The current regime wants to ensure members that the new board is like the old BCCI," sources said.

#### Kumble backs Kohli

PTI adds: Former India captain and coach Anil Kumble has supported Virat Kohli's view of having five centres for Test matches in order to bring the spectators back to the stadium. Kumble, in fact, wants the BCCI to go back to the old tradition of the 80s and 90s where Test matches at specific centres were held during festivities. During the 80s and 90s the BCCI calender used to have Tests on New Year in Kolkata and in Chennai at the time of Pongal. "I think that has certainly been one of the ways of promoting Test cricket. By restricting it to few centres and not just that it is also important to choose the time of the Test match," Kumble was quoted as saying by CricketNext. "We all remember that in the festival time, during the festival of Pongal, the Test match used to happen in Chennai."

#### **SEHWAG ON GANGULY**

## Dada listened to everyone but did what he thought was right, this is great leadership'



VIRENDER SEHWAG

n the days ahead, I expect the BCCI to be led aggressively. I say this because Sourav Ganguly is in charge now. Back in 2000, when Dada became our captain, he taught us to win abroad, and more importantly, showed us how to put up a fight on the cricket field. Now, I think he will show the same passion in his new role and push BCCI's case forcefully at the international level.

It was really heartening to hear that Ganguly wants to start from home. One of his opening statements was about improving India's domestic cricket. He is the best man to do the job. Ganguly knows the problems at the grassroots. When he was dropped from the Indian team, he spent a lot of time travelling around the country. I still remember that when he returned to the Indian team, he used to talk about what was lacking in the domestic circuit.

Seeing Dada in this new leadership avatar, my mind goes back to the days when he was with us in the dressing room. My conviction about Ganguly doing well in his second innings is based on his excellent leadership approach. He leads from the front and backs his players. In case he feels you are a match-winner, Dada will back you to the hilt. Me, Yuvraj Singh, Harbhajan Singh, Zaheer Khan, Ashish Nehra, Mohammad Kaif, we all realised this.

We didn't need to bother about our last innings, we were told we would be given ample chances to do well. You just go out and play, was the only instruction he gave us. Trust me, this made all the difference.

He gave a player the kind of confidence that makes him forget that he has actually flopped in the last eight to 10 innings. By some strange miracle, the player would think that he was actually performing well. And with that confidence, he would give his 100 per cent all the time and win matches. That I think was Dada's biggest strength as a

I often get asked this question: How did I become an opener from a middle-order batsman? Dada had a big role to play in my shift to the top of the order. It all started with him asking me to open. My reaction was simple: "Why aren't you opening, even you open, even Sachin opens?"

He explained to me that the opening slot was vacant, so if I take it, my place in the side will be guaranteed. But in case I was against



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It was a very fair treatment. It's this clarity that makes a player trust his captain. That gave me a lot of confidence. I thought, Dada is backing me so much, so let me try. Whatever I am today, it is because of him.

Dada was a very sharp and instinctive captain. He liked to involve everyone in decision-making. A lot of times, he used to listen to everyone but do what he thought was right. He would ask the senior players - me, Harbhajan, Zaheer - about the opposition and also the conditions. Once we had given our inputs, he would have six to seven views. After that he would either follow one view or come up with his own view that was different from everyone, which he thought was good for him. This, I think, is a great leadership approach.

This meant we had a very 'open' and 'inclusive' dressing room where people could speak their minds, give suggestions, even have arguments. Not just joke with him

Tendulkar was to bat No.4 but couldn't take the field. Out of the blue, Ganguly was asked to go out and bat. This was a comeback series. But the way he batted, the way he handled pressure and tension, sirf wo hi kar sakte the. (Only he could do.) That day we all agreed in the dressing room that if anyone among us can become BCCI

freely, we could tell him anything. Even now when we do commentary together, one can see that I joke a lot. I have seen a lot of captains but Dada was a rare leader with whom you can say anything or joke about anything. There was a great comfort level between him

and the players he backed and over a period of time, the bond only grew stronger.

If someone unfamiliar with cricket got in the dressing room, he could have never guessed that Ganguly was the captain. He was like one of the boys. I learnt a lot from him. When I became captain — be it for Delhi, in the Challenger Trophy or IPL, I tried to keep the same atmosphere in the dressing room. It was very important, especially in IPL where there are players who haven't even played for their states. It is important to talk to them, make them comfortable. I made myself available to them, improved my "tuning" with them. This went a long way in us reaching the IPL semifinals.

It's because when I was a young player, Dada would speak to me, we would have dinner together. As BCCI president, he will do the same, I expect he will take everyone along with him. I have no doubt that he would play a big role in turning the clock back to the time when BCCI had a big say in

Because of the bond he had with his team mates, Dada always had backers.

Even when he was dropped, the players were behind him. See, he was out of the team not because he was a bad player. So even when he was not in the team, we used to talk about him, talk to him. Jab hamara kharab time tha tab unhone hum se baat ki thi, to phir iab unka time kharab tha hum bhi unse baat karte the, unke baare mein baat karte hain. (During our bad times, he used to talk to us, so when he was going through bad times, we used to talk to him and about him.) We all felt that Dada deserved a good farewell. He should retire while he was playing. So we all felt great when he retired. We were so happy when he got his last match.

But even in his tough times, Dada never looked shattered. That's his greatness, that's what we learned from him. There will be ups and downs but dukhi nahi hona, confidence rakhna hai, self-belief nahin khona. (Don't feel sad, maintain confidence, don't lose self-be-

Actually, when I first heard about Dada becoming president, I recalled an incident during the 2007 South Africa tour. It was a Test in Cape Town where me and Wasim Jaffer were out early. Tendulkar was to bat No.4 but couldn't take the field. Out of the blue, Ganguly was asked to go out and bat. This was a comeback series and there was pressure. But the way he batted, the way he handled pressure and tension, sirf wo hi kar *sakte the.* (Only he could do.)

That day we all agreed in the dressing room that if anyone among us can become BCCI president, it's Dada. I said he can even be the Bengal chief minister. Ek bhavishyavani poori ho gayi, aur ek baaki hai (One of my predictions has come true, let's wait and see about the other one).

AS TOLD TO SANDEEP DWIVEDI

## Smash hit: Satwik-Chirag enter Paris final

**SHIVANI NAIK** MUMBAI, OCTOBER 26

THE REAL fun began after Satwiksairaj

Rankireddy had boomed his customary smashes, Chirag Shetty had played his clever set-ups and the Japanese opponents had lived upto their general motto: of never making life easy for Indian shuttlers. There was no Nozomi Okuhara on the court, and yet there had to be a mammoth 50-shot rally as Yuta Watanabe / Hiroyuki Endo, seeded 4th, ranked 6th in the world collapsed to a 21-11, 25-23 loss, sending the sensational Indian pairing into their first ever Super 750 final.

Paris is where Satwik-Chirag really come into their own. Pluck them from injury, fatigue, poor form, viral, or all of those and plop them into Paris, and oui, the Indian pairing will set the courts on fire.

After two wins against World No 8 and World No 2 (reigning world champs), it was the turn of the efficient Japanese to blink and then never stop blinking as the Indians went ballistic in the semifinals.

They play Indonesian Marcus Fernaldi



Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (L) and Chirag Shetty have reached their first-ever Super 750 final.

Gideon-Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo in finals. But it was a Saturday to remember. Dying minutes of Saturday back in India, in fact, and a never-say-die pair of Indians. Chirag Shetty had a sturdy start to the match — a rare occurrence as he takes time to settle. In

the semis though, the 22-year-old started with such assurance that he was a treat to watch as he puppeteered from the front.

Very little can go wrong with the Satwik smash - it's pretty much a two step routine, wind-up, thwack. That bit was on the money, even as the Indians rotated smoothly to pocket the first set 21-11.

Fast-forward to the endgame, for the Japanese were not going to go down without a fight.

They led 3-0, 6-4 in the second before the Indians reappeared in the rearview mirror, vrooming their engines noisily and taking the midgame lead. The Japanese would be level at 14-14, and despite falling back to 20-18, go right upto 20-all. Chirag was scything in taking this to match point. The first one,

It was on their second match point that the short, snappiness and whacking powerplay paved the way for a thrilling drama of desperate retrieves and dogged defence where you wish no team deserves to lose (a passing feeling for a partisan of course, easily shrugged aside).

The four titans would play out an

almighty 40-shot rally with crisscrosses and a trail of sweaty effort before it would end in the only way unfairness can wink and chuckle - a net chord for the Japanese.

Chirag was paving, and Endo kept saving in what was a tug of war by the wiry warriors. This would've counted as the moment of the match except the next time Indians had a match point — it went 10 shots, five back-and-forths further.

This time it was a 51-shot rally and the stadium was buzzing, the crowd loving a pairing they've only watched playing thrillers, while knocking down reputations.

The Indians might be in Top 10 range, but they've needed a week like this last one to really be counted amongst the biggies. That 50-shot rally saw Indians match the higherranked pair in poise and plunder. And finally, they would close out the match at 25-23; now firmly a bonafide top pair, also an exciting one. So, many anxious moments later and with a good helping of some solid poise, hardened in a foundry that's Parisian, India have Super 750 finalists.

Expect fireworks on Sunday from Indian badminton's best entertainers.

## Shakib could pay price for ambush advertisement deal

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA** DHAKA, OCTOBER 26

president, it's Dada.

BANGLADESH'S DOMESTIC cricketers might be reaping benefits from the players' protest but their national captain Shakib al Hasan has been caught off-guard, with the board mulling legal action for violation of central contract. With Bangladesh set to leave for the all-important India series in the next few days, the BCB's strong stance could certainly affect the morale of the team.

According to a report in *Cricbuzz*, Shakib has signed a deal with noted telecom company 'Grameenphone', which is in violation of the central contract clause. "He cannot make this agreement (with a telecom company) and why he cannot make this agreement is clearly stated in our contract paper," BCB president Nazmul Hasan was quoted as saying by the Bengali daily Kaler Kantho on Saturday.

"Robi [Telecom] was our title sponsor and Grameenphone did not bid and instead they grabbed few cricketers by paying them TK

One or Two Crores. What happened in the end? The board lost TK 90 Crores in three years," he said. "We are going into legal action. We cannot spare anyone in this regard. We will ask for compensation. We will seek compensation from the company as well as from the player," Hasan said.

"I heard about it on (October 23) and asked to sent legal notice to Grameenphone to claim compensation. I asked to send a letter to Shakib for explanation. We must give him a chance to show he didn't break the rule. To us it seemed that it was something like 'give a damn to the board' and if that is

the case we will take tough action," he added. Shakib along with senior cricketers Mushfigur Rahim and Mahmudullah Riyadh led the players protests 11-point demand, ranging from increase in domestic match fees, daily allowances, players' transfers in both national league and BPL. According to leading Bengali daily, Prathom Aalo reported that in the first division League, players will be getting taka 70,000 instead of the earlier taka 35,000.

## Ahead of WWE debut in Saudi Arabia, Fury sets sights on MMA

**GAURAV BHATT** 

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 26

THE ONLY thing surprising about lineal world heavyweight champion boxer Tyson Fury competing in the WWE was it took this long for it to happen. After all, no individual in combat sports is as natural a fit to the fantastical world of professional wrestling as the

fast-talking 'Gypsy King' from Manchester. During an international media conference call on Friday, Fury sold an "ankle injury" suffered during a skit to build up his upcoming wrestling match — "It is going to be fine by the time the fight comes up, won't affect my performance" — as seriously as the actual gnarly cut, courtesy opponent Otto Wallin in last month's bout.

"Definitely fearful of the cut opening up again," Fury said of the 47-stitch eye injury. Not allowed to compete or train for three months, the restless 31-year-old chose to fulfill a longtime wish, for a reported \$12m payday. Fury — who faces former competitive strongman Braun Strowman at WWE's

Crown Jewel event next Thursday — is the last true remaining showman in boxing, a sport searching for larger-than-life names post Floyd Mayweather Jr's (apparent) exit. There's Filipino veteran Pacquiao, technical wizard Lomachenko, ferocious middleweights Canelo and GGG. Also fellow heavyweights, big-hitting Wilder and the enviable pedigree of Joshua. But nobody comes close to fitting the bill like Fury.

Fury has dressed up as Batman to annoy former champion Wladimir Klitschko, strutted down to James Brown's 'Living in America' a la Apollo Creed from Rocky IV, and donned a luchador mask in the build-up to the Wallin fight.

In 2015, Fury ended Klitscho's decadelong reign as the top dog, after the technically-correct Ukrainian had put the division and the numbers to sleep. Fury then went on a cocaine-fuelled exile during which he ballooned to 180kg and battled suicidal thoughts. He returned to the spotlight with an entertaining draw against Wilder, dominating the bout and shrugging off two vicious knockdowns.



Heavyweight boxer Tyson Fury dressed up as Apollo Creed from Rocky IV. AP

### Student of the game

Boxing and pro-wrestling have a storied history of cross-promotion and huge paydays. Muhammad Ali went to Japan, Mike Tyson was instrumental in the rise of 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin and Mayweather competed at Wrestlemania. Fury, a long-time

Austin fan who has also studied the Ali-Inoki showdown, is taking his one-night gig seriously.

"Coming into this I didn't know what to expect. Now I really know it's one of the hardest things I have ever had to do," Fury told Ariel Helwani's MMA Show. "People say 'it's fake'. I say please come here and see how fake it is. I am getting thrown around the ring, it's hard. The ropes are like barbed wire, my back is in bits, I am sore in places I didn't think I could be sore in."

According to Fury, promoter Frank Warren "was mad" at him for putting the potential Wilder rematch in February at risk on account of the aforementioned cut.

"He said 'I think this is a really bad idea". Frank along with everyone else in my team was like 'concentrate on your job, you are not a showman or a movie star'," Fury told Helwani. "He said you could get injured and what happens if the cut re-opens or if you get injured shoulders. If we lived our lives on 'what if' we would never do anything."

Along with Fury, yesteryear superstars Hulk Hogan and Ric Flair will also be present at the Crown Jewel event in Riyadh. It is the third show WWE has put on in Saudi Arabia as part of a big-money deal, which has been criticised due the country's human rights record. Saudi Arabia's crown prince Mohammed bin Salman has used cinema, concerts and sporting events in a bid to change the nation's conservative image. Fury's rival Anthony Joshua will look to avenge his knockout loss to Andy Ruiz in December, a bout which is reported to make

the Brit richer by \$75 million. Fury believes his involvement in the

Saudi show is simply as "a prizefighter". "As for the Saudi Arabia thing, I'm just a fighter. But if you want to be involved in change in a country, you should go there, said Fury. "That's why I go there and want to deliver a great fight."

The boxer also knows what cookie-cutter responses and buzzwords will make headlines, and dealt with questions about amateur boxing's troubles and Vijender Singh's prospects as pro-boxer accordingly. And if Frank Warren thought WWE was a bad idea, here's what Fury wants to do next.

"I'm looking to have an MMA match before Christmas this year," said Fury, who has also indicated that he might retire after next year. "I am willing to fight in the UFC very

soon, hopefully." Live: WWE Crown Jewel on SONY TEN 1 & 3 on October 31 at 9.30pm IST

## Leicester score nine goals in historic win

**REUTERS** OCTOBER 26

LEICESTER CITY recorded the biggest ever English top-flight away win by beating 10-man Southampton 9-0 at a rain-sodden St Mary's to move up to second place in the Premier League on Friday.

The biggest margin of victory on the road previously was eight goals, a joint record held by three clubs. It was also the first time a team had scored nine away goals in the Premier League and equalled Manchester United's record 9-0 Premier League win achieved at home to Ipswich Town in 1995.

The 2016 champions Leicester moved to 20 points from 10 games, their best start to a Premier League campaign, that leaves them five points behind leaders Liverpool and a point ahead of Manchester City, who both have a game in hand.

Hat-tricks from Ayoze Perez and Jamie Vardy plus goals by Youri Tielemans, Ben Chilwell and James Maddison inflicted Southampton's biggest home defeat in their 133-year history.

"I'm very proud of the team," said Leicester manager Brendan Rodgers. "To finish with nine (goals) was a remarkable effort away from home.

"We said at halftime... keep your tactical discipline, keep your speed in the game and we have to punish them. We have to do our job and score as many goals as we

Saints lost Ryan Bertrand to an early red card and were shambolic in defence as they slipped into the relegation zone on goal difference after taking one home point this season. Southampton's heaviest Premier League defeat had been a 7-1 reverse to Liverpool 20 years ago, another unwanted record for their under pressure manager Ralph Hasenhuettl.

formance, the stuff of nightmares and especially playing at home," said Saints' forward Nathan Redmond. "It just wasn't good enough and one of the poorest performances since I've been at the club and we'll have to debrief that whole game from start to finish tomorrow."

There was a double blow for the hosts after 10 minutes when Chilwell tapped home a rebound to give Leicester the lead after Vardy's shot was only parried by goalkeeper Angus Gunn. A check by the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) showed a crude lunge by Bertrand on Perez in the build-up to the goal and the Southampton defender received his marching orders. From there, Leicester were able to cut through their opponents at will.

Saints defender Yan Valery could only steer a poor clearance into the path of Tielemans to score after 17 minutes and two minutes later the latter turned provider for Perez to open his Leicester account.

Jamie Vardy and Ayoze Perez scored a hat-trick each. Reuters

can and also keep a clean sheet."

"It was an embarrassing per-

#### **Double blow**

"It's brilliant to get there. It's brilliant to be a part of. We'll enjoy this win first, but we'll make sure captain Owen Farrell.

this stage. We felt like we prepared well and we started the game well.

of playing. We've got a big, powerful pack but they can use the ball as well. We play to play to space, and tonight we did that well."

His opposite number Kieran Read responded: "I guess it is hard

# England humble 'Gods of rugby'

All Blacks falter in semis, suffer a shock 7-19 defeat as England reach World Cup final for the first time in 12 years

**REUTERS** 

YOKOHAMA, OCTOBER 26

ENGLAND PRODUCED one of their greatest performances to end New Zealand's bid for a third successive World Cup as they utterly outplayed the defending champions in an epic semi-final to win 19-7 on Saturday and reach the final for the first time in 12 years.

England dominated from first to last, looked sharper, faster, stronger and more disciplined in attack and fearsome in defence against a team who had not lost a World Cup match since the 2007 quarter-finals but who barely threatened all night.

The victory swept England into their fourth final and first since 2007, where they will seek their second victory after 2003 when they became the first, and still only, northern hemisphere country to triumph.

England scored after 90 seconds through centre Manu Tuilagi and built their lead through the brilliant goalkicking of recalled flyhalf George Ford, who scored 12 points.

New Zealand, who had won 15 of the teams' last 16 meetings. never got a foothold in the game and it is a long time since any All Black team looked so far from threatening the tryline. They crossed it once, via a gift

have no complaints after losing to England at a World Cup for the first time.

for flanker Ardie Savea, but can

we prepare well," said England "It doesn't get any bigger at

"We've got a number of ways

After showing their intent not to buy into the 'All Black aura' by



It's a big game, a World Cup semifinal against the All Blacks... We prepared well, and started the game well. In all these big games, teams want to get physical from the off, and we wanted to play that way too. We have a number ways of playing, we have a big powerful pack but we wanted to play to space as well.

**OWEN FARRELL ENGLAND CAPTAIN** 

to put into words what it means.

You have to give England credit for

coming out and starting so well -

game and have so many 'what ifs'

and things we could have done

better. On a stage like this you

can't afford to do that and it cost

"I think we will look at the

we couldn't get into the game.

rugby so we had to take it to them and put them on the back foot as much as we could. We've earned another week in the competition, which is great. We're excited about that. You come here eight weeks ago and you want to go right to the

New Zealand are the gods of

**EDDIE JONES ENGLAND COACH** 

death.

defying the officials and lining up

against the Haka in a V formation,

England backed it up once the

whistle had sounded, scoring a

brilliant try through Tuilagi in the

second minute after a sustained,

Immense effort by @EnglandRugby, many congratulations to the whole team. Now for the final! **#ENGvNZL #RWC19.** 

**BORIS JOHNSON** ENGLAND PRIME MINISTER

This is physically painful

**JIMMY NEEHSAM** 

NEW ZEALAND CRICKETER

the width of the pitch. That set

the template for the half, with

dual playmakers Farrell and Ford

full of speed and invention, fully

vindicating coach Eddie Jones's

high-paced assault that swept decision to restore them, con-

> jor problems. TV: Wales vs South Africa (semifinal), on Sony Network

from 2:30 pm onwards.

vinced that they could cause ma-

NZ boss livid at question on team commitment

**ASSOCIATED PRESS** YOKOHAMA, OCTOBER 26

ALREADY HURTING After the All Blacks' unbeaten streak at the Rugby World Cup was upended by England, New Zealand head coach Steve Hansen was livid when the commitment of his players was called into question.

Hansen had congratulated England and its Australian coach Eddie Jones after the 19-7 win and accepted that his two-time defending champions were upstaged by a better team on Saturday. But his mood darkened when All Blacks captain Read was asked if the team turned up with the right attitude. After waiting for Read to finish his answer, Hansen lined up to deliver a one-two-three combination.

"I'd just like to clear that up, too. I think it's quite a disrespectful question," Hansen said. "To suggest that the All Blacks turned up not being hungry. They're desperate to win the game. Because I'm asking at halftime to get hungrier, doesn't mean to say they've turned up not hungry. There's a big difference."

To follow it up, he added: "Do you want to spend some time outside. I'll give vou a rugby education on that one."

And to close: "That's a pretty average question," Hansen said, after noting the All Blacks' talents and past successes.

## Woods leads at Zozo C'ship

CHIBA, OCTOBER 26

**REUTERS** 

TIGER WOODS enjoyed himself in almost serene conditions, carding a second straight six-under-par 64 to grab a two-shot second-round lead over Jeff Woodland at the Zozo Championship on Saturday. On a day when spectators were not allowed on the premises due to what the PGA Tour said were unsafe conditions, Woods quietly went about his business in front in near-silence at Narashino County Club.

With birdies at the final two holes, he jumped clear of fellow American Woodland, posting a 12-under 128 halfway total in the rain-affected event that will not finish until Monday. Woodland shot 66 to stake out

second place at 10-under, while Keegan Bradley and local favourite Hideki Matsuyama were two shots further back in a tie for third. "I felt pretty good about it to-

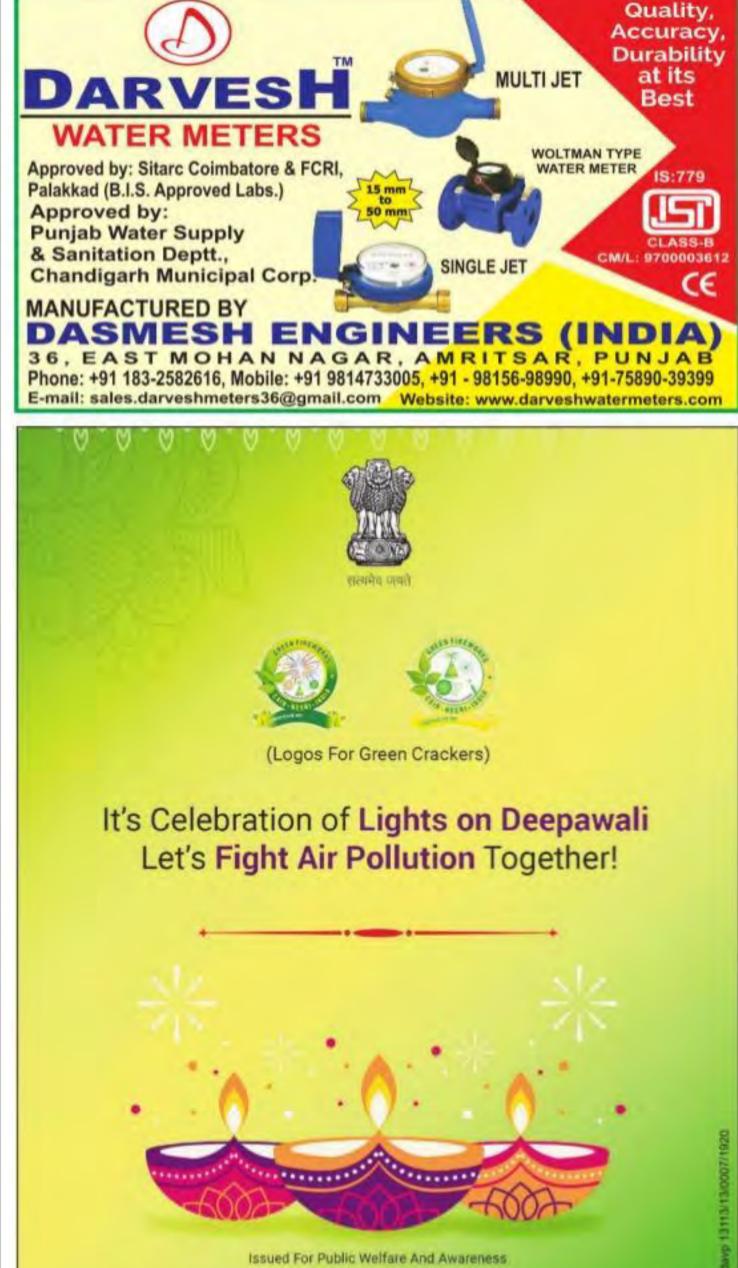
day," said Woods. "I hit the ball a little bit better than I did vesterday, which is nice, and I had the speed of the greens again. "The greens are soft, they're a

little bit slower today and we could give it a little bit extra rap on it. I left a lot of my approach shots below the hole and I was able to be pretty aggressive." Even though players were al-

lowed preferred lies, the course dried remarkably well after being deluged with six inches (150 mm) of rain on Friday. It was the fear of spectators slipping and sliding in mud that prompted the unusual fan ban. The third round and the first part of the final round are scheduled for Sunday, with the remainder of the final round set for Monday morning.

Spectators will be allowed back in on Sunday and most of the sellout crowd of nearly 20,000 will no doubt have eyes for Woods, playing in Japan for the first time since 2006.

Woods, 43, is also playing his first event since undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee two months ago.



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